

Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Thu Jan 24, 2019

"A Taste of Freedom," with speaker Rev. Doris K. Dalton

Sun Jan 27, 12:45 PM

Mamaroneck United Methodist Church

546 East Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY

Theme is "The Year in Review: A Faithful Response on Crises, Challenges, and Growing Edges." Dessert, Tea, Coffee and Discussion to follow. This event is sponsored by Mamaroneck UMC, Westchester Jewish Center and First Baptist Church of Mamaroneck, and is free and open to the public.

Westchester for Change

Campaign Finance Reform - Return Power to the People

Mon Jan 28, 7:00 PM

Theodore Young Community Center, 32 Manhattan Ave, White Plains

Stanley Fritz of Citizen Action NY will lead a discussion on the challenges of passing campaign finance reform in this legislative session, and how we can build and sustain power for long-term change in NY State. To win on issues like the environment, education, health care, criminal justice, and housing, we need to increase the power of small dollar donors.

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Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP

Parole Justice Advocacy Day

Tuesday, Jan 29, Albany

All-day parole justice advocacy day hosted by Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP, Parole Preparation Project, and other advocates and communities across New York. We'll march, rally, and meet with legislators in support of our advocacy demands (see rappcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/NEW-RAPP-Fact-Sheet.pdf). It is critical now to show policy makers in Albany that our communities are watching them and will continue our fight for justice. To join us, RSVP at

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeN6bXUUhOT5jkQTBILkfF8oG-mDSdL7set3Ma-TcZYfCqAw/viewform (if any links don't work, please go to RAPPCampaign.com/events – all the forms are there). Free transportation provided from NYC and other regions as needed.

Food will also be provided.

**WCSPD Diversity Committee/Neighbors Link
Film Screening: *A Better Life*,
Fri Feb 1, 7:30 PM
Community UU Congregation 468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY**

In light of the challenges currently facing undocumented immigrants in our country, the Diversity Committee of the [Westchester Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy \(WCSPD\)](#), partnering with [Neighbors Link](#), will host a screening of [A Better Life](#), a film that follows an illegal immigrant gardener trying to make a better life for his teenage son. Join us for the viewing and conversation. RSVP: Irene Studwell (istudwell@gmail.com, 914-714-5880).

**Stronger Together Solidarity Fair
Sun Feb 3, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Temple Israel, 1000 Pinebrook Blvd, New Rochelle**

Raise awareness, exchange information, and foster coalition building, unity, and solidarity against all forms of injustice in today's climate. Representatives from over 15 organizations spanning from grassroots, local, and national organizations such as HIAS and The Workmen's Circle will share information and answer questions about their work for social justice. RSVP to 914-234-1800 or email Howard Horowitz (howardh@horowitzresearch.com) or Yonat Assayag (yonat.assayag@gmail.com).

**Town Hall on Justice for NYS Farmworkers:
Legacy of Shame, Harvest of Hope
Tue Feb 19, 6:00 PM
Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers**

Stand alongside NYS farmworkers at a Town Hall. Learn more about the need for legislative protections, and what state lawmakers could do today to support the men and women who put food on our tables. This event is free and open to the public. farmworkersny.org, ruralmigrantministry.org. ruralmigrantministry.org/yonkers-justice-town-hall

Undoing Racism Workshops
The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

There are two Undoing Racism Workshops scheduled nearby in the coming months:

Weekend Undoing Racism Workshop
Fri Mar 15 – Sun Mar 17

Nyack Public Schools, Central Administration Building, 13 Dickinson Ave, Nyack, NY

Weekday Undoing Racism Workshop
Mon Mar 18 – Wed Mar 20

Stony Point Conference Center, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY

Register today - payment accepted after January. Contact: VCS at 845-842-9114 or
racialjustice@vcs-inc.org

Restorative Practices for Faith Communities Training
Sat Mar 16, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
First Unitarian Society of Westchester, Hastings-on-Hudson

UUA training for lay leaders, youth, and religious professionals that introduces restorative practices to improve our communities' abilities to respond to tension, conflict, hurt, and disagreement. Restorative Practices are grounded in respectful, direct, and honest communication. We especially encourage youth leaders, committees on ministry, and congregation boards to attend. Childcare available. Attendance capped at 40 participants.

Contact Amy Kent (akent@uua.org). Register by March 11 at

uua.wufoo.com/forms/zew7bn61r34jdf.

Petition: The Department of Justice must immediately drop all charges against UU Volunteer and respect the right of volunteers to freely practice their faith by caring for migrants on the border.

The administration is pursuing felony criminal charges against Scott Warren, a volunteer with the "No More Deaths" ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, which provides water, food, socks, blankets, and emergency first-aid to migrants along the US-Mexico border. Learn more at [theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-](https://theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water)

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act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf

From [Riverkeeper](#): Support the New York State Bring Your Own Bag Act

Reducing the use of single-use plastic bags is one of the most meaningful steps that New York can take to reduce pollution from single-use plastic. The NYS BYO Bag Act would ban single-use plastic bags and place a 10-cent fee on paper. The fee would help fund state parks, environmental programs, and free reusable bags for low- and fixed-income New Yorkers. Visit the [Riverkeeper Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

[Family-to-Family](#) Sponsor a Family Program

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family, Inc., is a grassroots nonprofit hunger and poverty relief organization in Hastings dedicated to providing food, personal hygiene products, and other basic essentials to American families struggling with the challenges of poverty. By connecting donors one to one with specific families in need, Family-to-Family's mission is to bring the large and seemingly intractable problem of poverty into personal focus, one family at a time. family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family.

Better World Shopper

Better World Shopper is a website to help people make ethical choices as consumers to build a better world. Over 2000 companies are ranked based on their track record in these categories: Human Rights, Environment, Animal Protection, Community Involvement, and Social Justice. betterworldshopper.org