

Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of *Thu Nov 29, 2018*

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. Warren is on trial for “harboring” two undocumented immigrants after Border Patrol allegedly witnessed him giving food and water to migrants in the desert. (Learn more at the guardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water).

Find the petition at

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

Fair Trade Festival & Crafts Sale

Sat Dec 1, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains

Fair trade contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions and secures the rights of marginalized producers and workers both locally and globally.

Suggested admission \$5 (a portion will be donated to the Hudson Valley Community Coalition). 30+ international and local vendors. Organized by Memorial UMS, Walkabout Clearwater Sloop, Westchester MLK Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, and WESPAC.

www.memorial4all.org, 914-949-2146.

Westchester Supports Driver's Licenses for All New Yorkers

Project Green Light NY Meeting

Mon Dec 3, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

White Plains Library 100 Martine Ave, White Plains

Community meeting to learn about why New York State should expand access to driver's licenses to all New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status. Twelve states offer licenses to undocumented residents, including our neighboring state of Connecticut. Co-sponsored by Senator Shelley Mayor, Indivisible Westchester, NYS Immigrant Action Fund, SURJ Westchester, and Neighbors Link. Contact: Mary Cronin (croninmm@optonline.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/300191667489634/>

**Amnesty International Write-A-Thon for Human Rights
Sat Dec 8, 1:00–5:00 PM
Ethical Culture Society, 7 Saxon Woods Road, White Plains**

Local Group 42 (White Plains) invites you to drop in and write with us! All materials provided (cases, instruction, stamps, envelopes, writing materials). Refreshments! Door Prizes!
Contact: Oliver Swift (914-761-8981, oswift41@aol.com).

**Love Resists
Invites Public Comments on Administration Proposal
Discriminatory Immigration Evaluations until Mon Dec 10**

To share your personal and professional perspective as comments on the public record against the “public charge” proposal that would discriminate against legal immigrants based on income and class (by Mon Dec 10) visit protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/#take-action. Your comment needs to be individual (not a “form letter”) so speak from the heart.
uua.org/loveresists.

**Confronting Climate Change: What to Expect in Our Region
Wed Dec 12, Registration/Breakfast 8:00 AM, Workshop 9:00 AM
Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave, White Plains**

Sponsored by Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District, Cornell University, and others. Speakers include Arthur DeGaetano, Dir NE Regional Climate Center, Cornell University; David Vallee, Hydrologist-in-Charge, NE River Forecast Center, NOAA; Mark Wysocki, NY State Climatologist, Cornell University. Cost: \$20 (\$40 if register after Fri Dec 7). Register: planning.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/SoilWater/ClimateWSReg.pdf

Current UUSC Causes

The [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](http://uusc.org/initiatives) (UUSC) advances human rights through grassroots collaborations. Current UUSC causes include:

Tell Congress: Prioritize human rights in FY19 immigration funding requests

Do not allow abuse and hate in the name of immigration enforcement. Right now, Congress is actively debating funding that, if approved, can undermine human rights and asylum. Your legislators need to hear from you before they vote! Learn more at uusc.org/initiatives/no-abuse-and-hate-in-immigration-enforcement

Tell Congress to support human rights in Honduras

Tell Congress to support human rights in Honduras and work to ensure U.S. foreign aid and immigration policy reflect the best of U.S. values. Learn more at
uusc.org/initiatives/honduras-human-rights

***Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Exhibit* Through Sat Mar 3, 2019**

New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, (77th St), NYC

To mark the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, the exhibition is organized chronologically from the end of the Civil War to the end of World War I and highlights the central role played by African Americans in advocating for their rights. Art, artifacts, photographs, and media will help visitors explore these transformative decades in American history, and understand their continuing relevance today.

nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow

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.

[Feeding Westchester](#) [Feed a Family Holiday Campaign](#)

A donation of \$25 to the "Feed a Family" campaign can provide a complete holiday meal for a family. Last year the campaign provided over 2,400 holiday meals to help feed the 200,000 hungry families, children, and seniors in our county. Donate at fundraise.feedingwestchester.org/faf2018. Find volunteer opportunities at feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer.

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