

Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Thu Dec 13, 2018

Food and Water Watch Presentation and Meeting Thursday, Dec 12, 6:00 pm Ethical Culture Society, 7 Saxon Wood Rd, White Plains

Join us for a special presentation and meeting to make the most out of our new Democratic NY legislature. **We'll be joined by guest speaker Scott Edwards, who heads our legal arm, Food & Water Justice. Scott comes with great expertise of the state-run initiatives to move off fossil fuels and will jump into the strategy to move to 100% renewable energy as soon as possible.** Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

[SURJ Westchester / Hudson Valley Community Coalition](#) ["Christmas of Hope & Freedom" Holiday Party & Fundraiser](#) Fri Dec 14, 6:30 pm South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Food, drinks, music, and activities for kids, all for a worthy cause. The HVCC "Christmas of Hope and Freedom" campaign is raising \$10,000 to send four children (plus adult chaperones) to visit their fathers who are being held in detention in Alabama. The children have been without their dads for months and this 3-day trip would be the best gift they could receive. Donate at gofundme.com/cskxa2-christmas-of-hope-and-freedom. Share the Facebook event facebook.com/events/355899051622289. To volunteer (bring party food, help set up/clean up, etc) or RSVP, contact: Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester (surjwestchester@gmail.com) by Mon Dec 10.

Annual Interfaith Community Concert in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sun Jan 13, 2019, 4:00 PM Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains

Event includes the "Adhan," Muslim Call to Prayer. Participants include the Amity School; Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir & Inspirational Choir; Congregation Kol Ami Choir; The LOFT LGBT Community Center's Pride Chorus; Memorial United Methodist Church Choir; Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Inspirational Choir; Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple Ceremonial Taiko Drums & Choir; and the Westchester Bhairi Community. Refreshments following concert. No admission charge. There will be a free-will offering. Transportation available. Sponsored by the Interfaith Connection and the Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence. Contact: 914-949-6555, connect@mlkwestchester.org.
www.mlkwestchester.org

Current UUSC Causes

The [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#) (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

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 theguardian.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

***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