

# **Social Justice Events & Opportunities**

*as of Wed Nov 21, 2018*

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**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](http://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](http://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf)

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**Webinar: White Supremacy Culture: What Is It?  
How Does It Work? What Can We Do About It?  
Mon Nov 26, 8:00 – 10:00pm  
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) National**

SURJ National hosts this free webinar. We'll learn how white supremacy culture reproduces racism in obvious and hidden ways, how we internalize its messages, and practical "antidotes" that we can practice to create cultures that support racial and social justice.

Register: [zoom.us/meeting/register/bc4f14b9c5c97c1adc2040ba88984b7b](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/bc4f14b9c5c97c1adc2040ba88984b7b)

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**[“Farming While Black: Uprooting Racism, Seeding Sovereignty”](#)**

**Wed Nov 28, 7:00 PM**

**WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Road, Suite 2W, White Plains, NY**

“Stewarding our own land, growing our own food, educating our own youth, participating in our own healthcare and justice systems, this is the source of real power and dignity,” writes Leah Penniman, co-founder of Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, NY. Her brand new book, “Farming While Black” is the centerpiece for a special gathering at WESPAC. Come hear Amani Olugbala, Assistant Director of Programs at Soul Fire Farm, tell how our most cherished sustainable farming practices – from organic agriculture to the farm cooperative and the CSA – have roots in African wisdom.

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**“Contemplative Practice + Social Justice”**  
**Wed Nov 28, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway (121st St), NYC**

This one-day event will provide essential perspectives, tools, and techniques for individuals working on social justice-related initiatives. A collaboration between the Thich Nhat Hanh Program for Engaged Buddhism and the Center for Community Engagement and Social Justice. Learn more at [https://utsnyc.edu/event/contemplative-practice/?instance\\_id=2187](https://utsnyc.edu/event/contemplative-practice/?instance_id=2187). \$125 Individual/\$50 non-profit. Registration required: [utsnyc.edu/contemplative-practice](https://utsnyc.edu/contemplative-practice)

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**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](http://www.memorial4all.org), 914-949-2146.

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**Driver’s Licenses for All New Yorkers**  
**Project Green Light Meeting**  
**Mon Dec 3, 7:00 – 8:30 PM**  
**White Plains Library 100 Martine Ave, White Plains**

Co-sponsored by Senator Shelley Mayor, Indivisible Westchester, NYS Immigrant Action Fund, SURJ Westchester, and Neighbors Link. Come learn about the Green Light Bill, which will allow all people regardless of immigration status to obtain a driver license. Contact: SURJ Westchester (<mailto:surjwestchester@gmail.com>)

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**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](mailto:oswift41@aol.com)).

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**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](http://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/#take-action). Your comment needs to be individual (not a "form letter") so speak from the heart.  
[uua.org/loversists](http://uua.org/loversists).

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**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](http://planning.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/SoilWater/ClimateWSReg.pdf)

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***Current UUSC Causes***

The [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](http://unitarianuniversalistservicecommittee.org) (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](http://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](http://uusc.org/initiatives/honduras-human-rights)

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***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](http://nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow)

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**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.

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**[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](http://fundraise.feedingwestchester.org/faf2018). Find volunteer opportunities at [feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer](http://feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer).

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**[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](http://family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family).

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## **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](http://betterworldshopper.org)