

# **Social Justice Events & Opportunities**

*as of Thu Jan 17, 2019*

## **"The Dream Is Still Alive: Remembering Dr. King with Songs for Peace, Justice, and Equality"**

**Jim Scott in Concert, Fri Jan 18, 7:30 PM**

**UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester, 236 S Bedford Rd, Mt Kisco**

Jim Scott will lead a participatory songfest of music celebrating the ideals that Dr. Martin Luther King championed. More about Jim at [jimscottmusic.com](http://jimscottmusic.com). Purchase tickets at [jimscottattufnw.brownpapertickets.com](http://jimscottattufnw.brownpapertickets.com). Sliding Scale Admission: \$12-20

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## **Women's March NYC 2019**

**Sat Jan 19, Lineup 10:00 AM, Rally 11:00 AM  
Columbus Circle, NYC**

We invite CUUCers to again attend the third annual Women's March as a group to support continued protections for women's rights. Click [HERE](#) for a full summary of issues we will be supporting by showing our presence at the event. All genders and ages welcome! Please reply to the [CUUC Facebook Forum](#) post, or e-mail Julie Gans ([julieagans@gmail.com](mailto:julieagans@gmail.com)) or Karen Schmitt ([schmitts4k@gmail.com](mailto:schmitts4k@gmail.com)).

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**Westchester Rally for All, Saturday, Jan 19, 1:00 PM  
Martin Luther King Blvd, between Martine and Quarropas  
(Across from the Martin Luther King statue), White Plains**

Join our [Westchester Rally for All](#), co-sponsored by Westchester for Change. Invited speakers include Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Mayor Tom Roach, State Senator Shelley Mayer, and others.

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**Volunteer New York! - MLK Day of Service**  
**Sat Jan 19**

Join hundreds in your community for [Volunteer New York!](#)'s 9th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Register at [volunteernewyork.org/mlk](http://volunteernewyork.org/mlk) to help fulfill Dr. King's vision of building a "beloved community." No experience necessary! The only thing needed is a "heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." See opportunity description for exact age or parent/guardian requirements.

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**26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast**  
**Mon Jan 21, 8:00 AM**  
**Crowne Plaza, 66 Hale Ave, White Plains**

Please join us as we remember, celebrate, and act. Keynote speaker is the Hon. Andre Rainey, Mayor, Peekskill, NY. Make checks payable and mail to Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY 10601. Make reservations by Sun Jan 14.

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**Bookfair to Benefit the MLK Freedom Library**  
**Mon Jan 21, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Barnes & Noble, 230 Main Street, City Center, White Plains**

Come to Barnes & Noble for a day of activities - OR - order items online from Fri Jan 19 to Wed Jan 24 at [barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs](http://barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs) and enter ID #12464053 at checkout. Purchases benefit the [MLK Freedom Library](http://mlkwestchester.org/events-1). See flyer at [mlkwestchester.org/events-1](http://mlkwestchester.org/events-1)

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**Interfaith Initiative to Advance Fair Housing**  
**Thu Jan 24, 7:00 PM**  
**WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Rd, Suite 2W, White Plains**

Topics will include the history and harms of segregation, your fair housing rights, and how we can work together to build the beloved community where we live by creating more open, accessible, and inclusive communities. Plenty of free parking on site. Learn more at [bbcfairhousing.org](http://bbcfairhousing.org).

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**WCSPP 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 \(WCSPP\)](http://WestchesterCenterfortheStudyofPsychoanalysisandPsychotherapy(WCSPP).org), partnering with [Neighbors Link](http://NeighborsLink.org), will host a screening of [A Better Life](http://ABetterLifeMovie.com), 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](mailto:istudwell@gmail.com), 914-714-5880).

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## ***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](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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### **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-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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### ***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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## **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)