

# **Social Justice Events & Opportunities**

*as of Thu Feb 14, 2019*

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## **Reparations: Transformative Justice & Collective Healing**

**Mon Feb 18, 6:00 PM**

**South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry**

Hosted by Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester, Westchester Coalition for Police Reform, WESPAC, and others. Join the conversation about what #Reparations could be. Learn about how we can support and practice #Reparations now! We will also map the resources we each have access to (time, land, money, social capital, technical skills, etc.) and mobilize them toward Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led organizations. Guest Speaker: Jalal Sabur- Farmer and abolitionist with Wildseed Community Farm & Healing Village, Victory Bus Project, & Freedom Food Alliance.

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## **“Legacy of Shame – Harvest of Hope” A Town Hall on Justice for Farmworkers**

**Tue Feb 19, 6:00 PM**

**Yonkers Riverfront Library Auditorium, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers**

The Justice for Farmworkers Campaign (JFW) was created as a statewide educational and legislative movement aimed at giving farmworkers the same rights that every other New York State worker receives. The Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act (S2837/A2750), a bill currently in the NY State Legislature, would grant farmworkers the dignity and equality they deserve. Rural and Migrant Ministry invites you to a town hall to learn more.

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## **Webinar: Harvest of Shame, Uncovering and Changing the Working Conditions of Farmworkers Who Feed the World's Richest Nation**

**Thu Feb 21, 8:00 PM**

Webinar hosted by [Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community \(UUJEC\)](#) and the [Coalition for Immokalee Workers \(CIW\)](#). During the webinar, a farmworker from the CIW will speak on the conditions that farmworkers face in the fields. Also, where Wendy's is purchasing, how Unitarian Universalist communities have supported the CIW's cause in the past, and how you can do so today. The direct link to our webinars is [uujec.com/webinars](http://uujec.com/webinars).

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## **"Lift the Lamp: Immigrant Stories"**

**Fri Feb 22, 7:30 PM**

**Irvington Town Hall, 85 Main St, Irvington**

America has always been called a melting pot, but what exactly does that mean? Five panelists share their experience of becoming New Americans, including [Westchester Refugee Initiative](#) (WRI) Ambassador Reshad Ahmadi. The moderator is FUSW minister Rev. Peggy Clarke. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted, a portion of which will support [Hearts and Homes for Refugees](#) and the WRI. Presented by Irvington Town Hall as part of their [Diversity Series](#).

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## **Midnight Run**

**Fri Mar 1, 7:00 PM**

**First Unitarian Society, 25 Old Jackson Rd, Hastings-on-Hudson**

Make a difference in the lives of those in need. Come help us prepare food, pack clothes, and distribute and interact with homeless people in NYC. You can also support us with donations of clothing and food. Contact: Art Lowenstein (arthur.lowenstein@gmail.com, 914-844-4189), Annie Patton (annie.k.patton@gmail.com, 914-588-4782).

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## **Undoing Racism Workshops**

### **The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond**

*The Mar 18-20 Undoing Racism workshop is closed. A new April workshop has been added.*

Contact: VCS at 845-842-9114 or [racialjustice@vcs-inc.org](mailto:racialjustice@vcs-inc.org)

## **Weekend Undoing Racism Workshop**

**Friday, Mar 15 – Sunday, Mar 17**

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

Register [docs.google.com/forms/d/16U9VtksMmqD\\_G1H90MYiz8xL-HSsNWJCycW14SC\\_RJk/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16U9VtksMmqD_G1H90MYiz8xL-HSsNWJCycW14SC_RJk/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## **Weekday Undoing Racism Workshop**

**Monday, Apr 8 – Wednesday, Apr 10**

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

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**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](http://uua.wufoo.com/forms/zew7bn61r34jdf).

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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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**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).