

Seth's Reflection

Jean Stockdale was a force for community transformation in and around the Reformed Church of Highland Park since the late 90's. Since the early 2000's she was key to massive aspects of what this church has become.

Jean and I co-founded Who Is My Neighbor Inc, and through that organizational development learned about starting non-profits in churches. Jean became

WIMNI's first director. Then, after I started Churches Improving Communities, Jean became its first Director, trying to inspire other faith communities to tackle similar opportunities in the world around them.

Then, Jean became the self-led director of a massive anti-trafficking project that dominated her time, stimulated her mind and heart, and developed her spiritual capacity into something that was truly one of a kind for the last 13 years of her life. Eventually, Jean's work became Still Waters Anti-Trafficking (an official program of RCHP-AHC)—but she was creating safety and 'still waters' long before it had a name. Jean wasn't just about organizational growth or formalities. She was at her best when she was being a friend, welcoming someone new, making people feel at home, and being kind to children. Jean will forever be someone who I truly consider a saint.

