

*How do you think we might we explore our hopes and dreams for diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice within our spiritual community?*

Work in groups of others interested in the same topics to create church and town events.

In the wake of Chauvin trial and the police brutality that continues, I think we need to send a strong message by hanging BLM banner. We can hang other signs later and also. But all in Scituate, especially the youth, need to see clearly that we are with those who are saying “enough is enough” loudly and proudly. Let’s start there ...

Book club with discussion, speakers/experts on the subject

I would prefer the banner/sign be posted in the wayside pulpit at street level. To me it looks like your decision to place a banner on the church itself has been made, and the choices given were put together hastily including one that is already displayed in the wayside pulpit. If you make a statement, make sure you have the actions to back it up.

Guest speakers would be nice on the subject

Book/podcast/movie discussions

Outdoor family events where our children can learn and see humanity's differences - maybe through story times?

Active group discussion

I like the idea of an adult RE program focusing on social justice. Re the options for a banner, I voted exclusively for BLM because I think we do need to make a social justice statement. I do like our existing LSUfJ signage and the uua’s Side of Love signage, but neither of these are SJ messages, and I think we need that.

I think we need to reach out into the larger community and work as allies and advocates in a careful and thoughtful way that does not contribute to the political divisiveness.

Invite a 'sister' congregation for a partnership of regular cultural and experiences exchange. Inclusion would be a good place to start.

How about starting with members, there’s an idea

I don’t really like the idea of using the church as a billboard. Would rather see the road sign used as it is now.

Not that many people get excited about forming and being on a committee and having meetings. But I am Mr. R.E. Connect and have faith that people want to learn, explore and do their part! I think well-facilitated conversations this spring may lead to a better idea about what we plan for fall activities - classes, actions, events. – Brian

Stop talking and do something useful. I have never seen so many people expend so much energy to accomplish absolutely nothing. If black lives matter then stop waving banners and set up a program to tutor black kids that have no school to go to during the pandemic. Morality is NOT just what you tell other people to do, it is not just thinking correct thoughts, it is getting our privileged asses and interacting with people that need help.

Send ambassadors of support to the DEI committee established by the Town, led by Awunikki Sanders and Reverend Stewart. Support the Cape Verde community by exploring their local presence, heritage, spirituality, traditions and art/culture - invite a speaker or guest to a service. Celebrate abolitionist heritage in our faith community and town. Read poems by diverse authors. Debate the meaning of racism - our whiteness vs. their blackness. Teach our children about prior episodes of social unrest - busing of black kids from Boston in the '70's, examine the quiet resistance by athletes like the Celtics' great Bill Russell, or singers who stepped off music stages and onto podiums for protest like Harry Belafonte. Examine ethnic patterns of racist behavior - discuss Gangs of NY by Scorsese, the embracing of racial and ethnic violence when poverty and desperation sink their teeth. Examine our own unavoidable biases and meditate on how to counteract them in healthy ways. Remain non-violent and inviting to all without sacrificing the UU identity as a longstanding Protestant Christian faith with history, and value, and purpose for all. Introduce the writings from Greatly to Be by Francis Anderson (1957) into our services. Love one another. Thanks for asking. XO

By vote of last night's (4/12) town meeting. A zoning bylaws amendment was passed which impacts signs and should be reviewed to see how it might affect any new sign we put up... how large? Duration they could be put up? Height off ground? Probably couldn't put up a large banner...

I like the first two signs best because they are specific. I'd like to attend book groups on anti racism or anti lgbtq bias.

Several types of offerings that range from a short series of speakers or book discussion to longer workshop series (maybe more than one over time) aimed at education, self-examination, assessment of practices within our church and action items for reaching out to the community and beyond.

Create an exchange program/partnership/educational series with a religious organization/church with a congregation consisting of primarily people of color or other under represented minority persons.

Ensure we are welcoming and encouraging of diversity within our own church.

Continue to have guest speakers and somehow let the Scituate community know of the events

We need to invite more speakers and community leaders from communities that are different from our own but that might want to partner with us. We then need to invite community members outside of our own directly, to expand the circle of understanding, growth and inclusion.

Forums with elected local officials - School Committee and or Superintendent, Select Board and or Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief. Organize with other interested ministers. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO MAY BE DOING THESE THINGS.

Invite other cultural groups to teach us a dance, how to make a customary food, play music :)