

WWUUC Social Justice: Report to the Board

August 27, 2017

Social Justice Committee met August 6 to plan projects for the rest of the year.

Time Table:

- Immediate: ask for volunteers for Food and Shelter
- September:
 - Guest Speaker from DAOK at Social Justice Meeting
 - Plan fundraiser for Life Anew and designate a Crop Walk organizer
- October: Life Anew fundraiser and Crop Walk, Sunday, October 22, Reed Ave.
- November: Peace Fest, November 11, 10am-4pm: Theme: Drug Cartel Terrorism in Mexico— prompts refugees
- November/December: Gifts for Children and Families, Warm Clothing Drive

Subcommittee Overview:

- Sanctuary Congregation: Policies and Activities
 - Outreach to Immigrant Communities: Find out how friends of immigrants can help people who are threatened with deportation
 - Reflect on Policies that do not require housing refugees; present these to the Board for discussion
 - Offer education on DACA and TPS and urge the congregation to contact Members of Congress about bipartisan bicameral bills to preserve and strengthen opportunities for Dreamers, August 20.
 - Organize a community meeting in Norman with advocates for DAOK who are forming the Deportation Defense Team for Oklahoma
- Strategies:
 1. Prevention: Educating people on their rights in workshops
 2. Take individual cases: building a community defense
 3. Campaigns: building campaigns based on trends in immigration policies
- Oppressed Peoples Study Group: Focus on Race and its intersections with class and gender
 - Form an on-going study group to raise consciousness about our own hidden bias/privilege. Bi-monthly on Saturday afternoons at 2pm.
 - Present speakers and films on racial literacy, voting rights, prison reform, racial profiling to the congregation and the community who are interested with opportunities for discussion.