

2024-2025 Social and Racial Justice Committee Annual Report

Cathy Solomon, Chair
Barbara Beckwith, Member
Penny Hall, Member
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Goals/Mission Learn, Educate, Advocate

Accomplishments/Highlights

Learning:

- Continued twice monthly discussions throughout most of the year.
 - Topics included Masculinity, White Supremacy, Narragansett culture, Immigration
- Established an informal agreement to participate with PDCC's Green Team on environmental issues
- AMOR - Invited to talk to us about how we can help the immigrant community.

Education:

- Hosted a candidate forum for South Kingston town council candidates, moderated by the League of Women Voters
- Welcomed the Tomaguage Museum back for two more sessions on Narragansett culture
- Hosted Beyond the Binary, a day of learning, sharing and supporting the gender diverse community.

Advocacy:

- Participated in the Interfaith poverty Vigil at the State House
- Writing letters to Senators and Reps
- Collaborated with the South County Huddle on Postcards to Swing States. (1500 postcards sent)

- Promoted a South County Habitat build on 9/28
- Tomaquag series on Narragansett culture
- Beyond the Binary
- Through SK Affordable housing committee member Bethany Sorrentino, made our pro-affordable housing voices heard at meetings.
- UU Legislative Forums: Prioritized bills that the UULM-RI supports
- South County Pride (6/14)
- Collaborations:

We strengthened collaborations with local social justice groups.

These include:

The Womxn Project, the South County Huddle, the League of Women Voters, the South County Social Justice Coalition, Westminster Unitarian, Teach Truth, TANK (Towards an AntiRacist North Kingstown), ARC Westerly, South County Resistance

Share the Plate

Under Barbara Beckwith's direction, we donated \$ xxxx to the following non-profit organizations:

Aug/Oct:	The Womxn Project	\$527.38
Nov/Dec:	Habitat for Humanity	\$133.92
Jan/Feb:	AMOR	\$502.92
Mar/April	Thundermist	\$TBD
May/June:	Wunder Academy	\$TBD

2025-2026 Goals

- Stand up against hate and prejudice
- Protect the vulnerable
- Support causes that are in line with our principles
- Learn more about the needs in the community.
- Educate the congregation about these needs and determine appropriate actions
- Community Support
- Continue to show up in support of community events
- Advocate for action. Make a difference

2025-2026 Challenges

- The current election has created an opportunity to come together and make our voices heard, but it has distracted us from other social justice causes and generally has overwhelmed many people.
- We struggle to reach more people in the congregation to work with us. It's generally the same faces. (thank you!)
- We have an opportunity to be the voice of reason and compassion in the community, but with limited resources and people, it is difficult.

