

Social Justice Meeting

- I. Attending –
- II. Task Force: Racism, Immigration
 - a. Saunis Resigned
 - i. Melissa can identify candidates
 1. Lee?
 - ii. Viv should not
 - b. Event – New Jim Crow – late January – 1/31/13
 - i. Lee leading, look for leaders there
 - ii. 2/7 Thurs – author at U. Akron
 - c. February – Black History month, Standing on the side of love
 - i. Special collection – 2/10/13
 1. Local – portage community centers
 2. National – NAACP
 3. International – IRTFCleveland, **Doctors without Borders**
 - d. What is the Akron church UU doing?
 - i. Immigrant worker Project – providing legal work
 - ii. Doing legal aid work
 - iii. Doing court translation work?, bringing substantial research support to court for asylum
- III. Task Force: Hunger & Poverty
 - a. Elaine
 - b. Advertising for SuperBowl Sunday
 - c. March – harvest for hunger
 - i. “Super six” – most needed items
 - ii. Advertising here to support
 - iii. **Akron Canton Regional Food Bank** – March special collection
 - d. Speaker for food insecurity
 - i. Advertising a potluck, combining with food drive
 - ii. March
 - e. County Clothing Center
 - i. Need to put out a call for volunteers
 - ii. Used to be through
- IV. Task Force: Environmental Justice
 - a. Andrew
 - b. 1/20/13 event
 - i. Signs – email MaryBeth
 - ii. Write the call for donations: acknowledge Guests (take a thing), MLK Day
 - iii. Ask John Kluth – clean water
 1. Inform Karen
 - iv. Special Collection – **Sierra Club**
 - c. Spring event planned – River cleanup, Garlic Mustard pull?
 - i. Could use timebank hours
 - d. Website – Jennifer May will
- V. State Social Justice association
 - a. Membership possibility
 - b. Board has empowered us to join the network
 - c. Uujo.org
 - d. Why: we need to share and coordinate with other churches. We need to be in touch with other Northeast Ohio churches – this state association would help.
 - e. Viv will be point person
- VI. **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – 3/24/2013, Sunday 1pm**