

Social Justice Visioning Meeting – 4/21

- Attending: Ted Voneida (chairing), Swanny Voneida, Martha Kluth, Bonny Esparza, Viv Sandlund, Andrew Rome, Susan Folio, Mary Maske, Mary Lou Holly, Saunis Parsons, Melissa Carvill-Ziemer
- Reorganization of committee
 - Board changed structure
 - Monthly special offerings
 - Trustee
 - Difficulty in working on different tasks, less action, less membership
 - Will test for a year before revising by-laws
 - Goals: fewer meetings to attend, more focused, more action, more outreach
 - Moving to a model for mid-size congregation – Task groups
 - Environmental Justice – Andrew Rome
 - Human Rights – Susan Folio
 - Hunger & Poverty – Elaine Bowen
 - Visioning Committee – Ted Voneida (open to all topics, cross-topic, emerging topic)
- Reports
 - Human Rights
 - Meeting 4/25, Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm Annex
 - Identify goals, interests
 - Includes immigration, racism, women’s rights, lgbt
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 - Environmental Justice
 - Meetings
 - Tuesday April 30th, 7-9pm in Fessenden Hall
 - Purpose: planning environmental activities for the year
 - Activities – (quarterly)
 - November, Fracking Teach-In
 - January, Legislative advocacy tabling (ongoing)
 - April, Annual Garlic Mustard Pull
 - Other ongoing anti-fracking activities
 - RE program
 - UUA events
 - Special Collections: Sierra Club, Concerned Citizens of Ohio (anti-fracking)
 - Plans/Ideas
 - Green Sanctuary Program
 - Review of both environmental facilities and practices
 - Create plans for improvement in various areas
 - Divestment program national UU
 - Remove from gas & oil, but we don’t have
 - Interest in water issues
 - Interest in agriculture issues – Monsanto Protection Act
 - Upcoming events
 - Carbon Nation, documentary film about renewable energy options
 - Presented by Concerned Citizens Ohio, Sierra Club, N Portage League of Women Voters

- 4/29, Monday 7-9pm, Maplewood career center, 7075 SR88, Ravenna OH
 - Active Living – Measuring the fulfillment of the Bicentennial Plan
 - Kent Environmental Council Spring Forum – Monday, April 22, 7pm
 - Presbyterian Church of Kent, basement
 - Kentenvironment.org
- Hunger & Poverty
 - Special Collection successful on Easter Sunday – provided 3,549 meals for the hungry
 - Campus Ministers – collection successful of personal hygiene products
 - Seeking volunteers for County Clothing Center
 - Prepare Sunday evening meal for Kent Social Services, need 7-8 people
- Special Collections
 - Clarifying procedures – contact the Trustee for the Wider World (Viv Sandlund) with ideas
 - Decided about 3 months in advance, by the
 - ACTION ITEM: Include a notice in the Thread from the Web about procedure
- Communications
 - Posting events
- Other
 - Mary
 - Chemicals, prenatal brain changers, water pollution
 - Robert Lustig – research about effect on biology
 - [Ted Voneida] – will discuss this in connection with fracking at the upcoming UUA
 - [Bonny Graham] – Concerned Citizens is promoting water well testing
 - [Swanny Voneida] – Money for testing needed, need to pass “health levy”, May 7th
 - Love Light – hunger, poverty
 - Already set as June special collection
 - Vivian Sandlund
 - UUCK has joined UU Justice Ohio
 - A statewide network, active in immigration
 - Webinars scheduled
 - Renee videotaped recent conference – currently available
 - Upcoming legislation issue
 - Saunis Parsons
 - Funding for the SJ committee
 - Down to under \$200 in account
 - Equal Exchange sales
 - Profit, \$1 per bar
 - No budget for SJ – self funded
 - Options
 - Not donating \$500 to church – funding coffee hour
 - Increasing donations from coffee drinkers
 - ACTION ITEM – TED will write a note in the Thread asking for donations
 - Raising prices
 - Less inventory, allowing special orders
 - Start other fundraisers
 - When to do a fundraiser? Fall (September?)

- Social Justice Sing Along
 - Saunis will sing, organize
 - Andrew will get date, publicity, organize food
 - Selling song-books?
 - Selling tickets
 - Case chocolate, \$30 cost, \$42 gross, need to sell 41 cases to fund \$500 to church
- Next Meeting
 - Schedule for September, just after sing along