



Social Justice Steering Committee Activities

The Social Justice Committee is an umbrella organization overseeing the work of many subcommittees

COALITION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE –

Barbara Lipton

1. In 2019-2020 we presented: “The 1619 Project” Saturday Discussion Sessions on the history of racism in America (3 held, 1 canceled due to covid). “Great African Civilizations” video/discussion (5 evening sessions in February/March)

2. In 2020-2021 we presented: “The Reconstruction Era & Today,” 4 Saturday morning video and discussion sessions

3. Planned and introduced for “Time For All Ages” portion of the weekly service: 4 Black Female Authors in 2021; 4 Black inventors in 2020



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4.Planned participation in MLK Sunday service: chose and introduced the Time For All Ages video; wrote and delivered the 3-part sermon

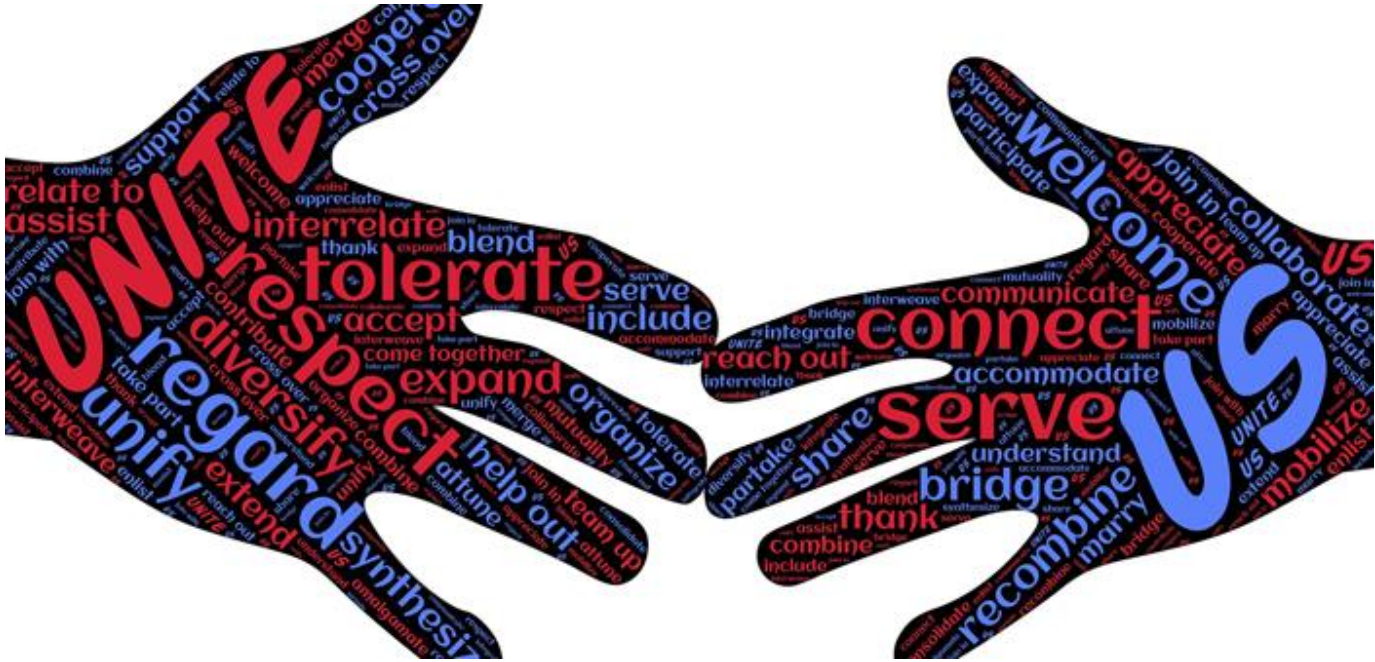
5.This subcommittee has also created other learning opportunities for our congregation, ran a Florida Humanities Council Book Read, held workshops on racial justice issues, worked in the Gifford Middle School, advocated for racial justice issues with the county school board, and now is dispersing money from a grant to those seeking to pay to take their GED test.

6.“Me and White Supremacy” 4-week workshop starting March 20. - Richard Swanson facilitating



UUSC (UU SERVICE COMMITTEE) SUBCOMMITTEE

“Guest At Your Table” annual fundraiser for UUSC national and international self-help projects - 2020 raised \$3,250; 2019 raised \$4,000+; 2018 raised \$4,000 +. - Jack Stiefel & Andrew Sorbo



PROJECT NINOS SUBCOMMITTEE

Annual Christmas fundraiser to buy Gift cards for the families of migrant and farm workers - 2020 amount raised \$13,000 and distributed to 78 families; 2019 amount raised \$7,000 and distributed to 40 families; 2018 amount raised \$4,000 and distributed to 31 families. - Joan Roth



FAIR TRADE CORNER SUBCOMMITTEE

Volunteers staff the store which sells items on a fair trade basis. Gale Parmentier, who until this year ran the FTC, received an award from Equal Exchange for her years of service supporting the EE family and growing our store into one of the most successful congregational storefronts in their network. The FTC provides all our hot beverages for Sunday Coffee Hours and other social activities as well as donations for environmentally sustainable improvements to our building facilities. Items are purchased from several fair trade organizations as well as from UUA and UUSC who use their profits to support farmers and artisans from around the world. - Pam Pelliccia



SUNDAY FUND SUBCOMMITTEE- Cate Wenzling

This subcommittee vets local non-profits for us to support as a second collection each Sunday. Every 5 weeks the recipients rotate and checks are sent out twice a year. The recent recipients and our contributions are as follows: 2020-2021 year to date are

Pioneering Change (\$1004),
Gifford CC&R (\$1,220),
Gifford Youth Orchestra (\$2,400),
Volunteer Ambulance (\$1481),
and Coalition for Attainable Housing (\$948).

For the 2019-2020 year we donated to
Dogs For Life (\$1,485),
Gifford CC&R (\$1,780),
Gifford Youth Orchestra (\$1,561),
Volunteer Ambulance Squad (\$2,328))
and Samaritan Center For Homeless Families (\$1,505).

For the 2018-2019 year we donated to Camp Haven (\$1,269), Gifford CC&R (\$1,714), Gifford Youth Orchestra (\$2,057), Literacy Services of IRC (\$1,380) and St. Francis Manor (\$986).

FOOD PANTRY OF IRC SUBCOMMITTEE

In 2021 we donated over \$6,000 to this non-profit through monetary contributions as well as food collected on the second Sunday each month. - Cathy Katrovitz & Jack Siplak



MLK JR. HOLIDAY SUBCOMMITTEE

Each year we participate (80+ people) in the annual MLK Jr. Parade, giving out about a thousand items as souvenirs and carrying our Black Lives Matter banner. This year, the parade was cancelled, so we set up a table at the January Gifford Vendors' Market and gave out MLK refrigerator magnets and MLK fans. - Richard & Denise Haight



WELCOMING CONGREGATION SUBCOMMITTEE - Recreated

This subcommittee was created in February 2021 and is planning to begin running workshops and sponsoring activities during June (LGBT Pride Month) - Johnna Swendsen & Barbara Lipton.



LEND-A-HAND AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE (for coastal cleanup projects)

This subcommittee was organized in 2/2021 and held its first activity in January when 6 members joined volunteers from other organizations to help with a beach cleanup. - Coco (Sue) Burt



CLEAN WATER COALITION SUBCOMMITTEE

We have a liaison who is a member of this organization who informs us of opportunities to support their activities. - Judy Orcutt



GREEN SANCTUARY SUBCOMMITTEE

On hold during the pandemic but has worked to make our facilities an official Green Sanctuary. - Karolyne Lucero



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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE

This group provide books for those in need by stocking the LFL. At present, the subcommittee is looking into establishing a second LFL in town. - Nancy Stiefel & Barbara Lipton



TRANSITIONAL MEAL PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

The fourth Tuesday of each month UUFVB volunteers prepare and deliver meals for people residing in Transitional Housing at Camp Haven, Samaritan Center and Veterans' House. During the pandemic, meals are being purchased from Marotta's Italian Restaurant. We hope to resume meal preparation in the Fellowship kitchen this summer. - Rachel Hanks

