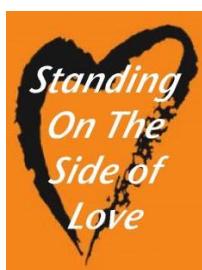


## Climate Action -- Escalating Inequality -- Green Sanctuary -- Congregational Action Let's Put Our Social Justice Values to Work!

### Join Us!

The **FUUSB Social Justice Web** invites you to act lovingly on your values -- organize, rabble-rouse, make trouble, comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, and educate-agitate by participating in our next three general meetings in the Susan B. Anthony Room:

- Tuesday October 28, 5:30 - 7pm
- Thursday November 20, 5:30 - 7pm
- Tuesday December 9, 6 - 7:30pm



### Who We Are

The Social Justice Web convenes to organize loving actions for social justice. We welcome your ideas for possible activities, meeting content, and justice actions from the local to the international.

An activity can be as simple as leading a discussion or hosting a table in the parlors for Standing on the Side of Love. For instance, last Spring, we invited [350.org](http://350.org) to lead a workshop on storytelling for climate justice.

More recently, we partnered with other Burlington organizations to host discussions and a film event on topics of criminal justice reform and nuclear energy.

### What We're Doing

Now, four topics demand our attention and action:

1. **climate change**
2. **escalating inequality**
3. **Green Sanctuary accreditation**
4. **congregational action**

**First**, we are totally psyched about **climate change actions**. We (meaning mostly Lucy Gluck and Valerie Wood-Lewis) organized nearly a quarter of the FUUSB congregation to attend the amazing, inspiring [People's Climate March](#) in New York City in September.



### *What Should We Do Next? You Help us Decide - What is Important to You?*

We will go to the Rally and Sit-In for Climate Justice on the Statehouse Lawn in Montpelier on October 27th at 3 pm. It's co-sponsored by [350 Vermont](#), [Rising Tide](#), and the [Vermont Workers' Center](#). Would you like to meet at the Rally to sing *Blue Boat Home*?

Here are some resources to help you explore what else we should do around climate change:

- A new UUA initiative called [Commit to Respond](#)
- The recent [newsletter from UU Ministry for the Earth](#)
- The [Climate Action Team](#) program (CAT) organized by the UU United Nations' Office (UU UNO)
- The [2006 UUA Statement of Conscience](#)
- You can join various UU organizations, subscribe to their listserves, follow them on Facebook, and join their on-line discussions beyond FUUSB. Start at<http://www.uua.org/environment> or ask us!

**Second, escalating inequality** is a topic that is ever closer to our hearts at FUUSB. We began supporting Occupy Burlington three years ago, and we fondly remember our lawn banner proclaiming, WE STAND FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. This year, the UUA General Assembly passed a new Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) on [Escalating Inequality](#).

Please join us to envision how we might lovingly examine our own privileges and engage in tough, rewarding conversations about economic justice, race criminalization, the booming incarceration industry, police militarization and brutality, the dehumanizing effects of poverty, and the growing political power of misogyny, while loving ourselves and others. Related to the politicizing of misogyny, the SJW also welcomes interest around the other current CSAI on Reproductive Justice.

**Third, FUUSB seeks accreditation as a Green Sanctuary under [new UUA guidelines](#).** This effort requires us to work collaboratively with a marginalized community in Burlington on an issue of environmental justice. It also asks us to examine cross-cutting justice issues in all aspects of congregational life, from religious education to worship to building management. Let's examine the application together at a one-time special meeting, TBA.

**Fourth, congregational action:** Rev. Mara and the Social Justice Web are examining the role of social justice within the congregation. We want to facilitate the congregation to act for justice in the world in a shared vision. Check out the[UUA resources](#), see what inspires and nourishes you, and join our ongoing discussion about how other UU congregations do justice work and how we might put our values to work through advocacy, organizing, and witness. And please DO join our email list for reminders and ongoing discussions.

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