

## Social Justice

### Social Justice Thinking Spring

The Social Justice Meeting typically held on the 1st Tuesday of each month has been moved to Sunday, March 16 after church service. All are welcome to come by Channing House to hear about our latest initiatives or to let us know about events and activities related to Social Justice that are meaningful to you.

On the 26th, there will be a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall featuring organic foods and a discussion led by Channing members who are master gardeners. Check the weekly announcements for more details.

**KEEP THE SNEAKERS!!** Mark your spring calendars for the annual Aquidneck Island Crop Walk. Joy Benson has generously offered to coordinate Channing's participation in this event scheduled for Saturday, April 26. As chairperson of this committee, I challenge Social Justice committee young'uns (that's all of you as I'm the oldest) to keep up with me! For each member who completes the 10 mile segment with me I will donate an extra \$10.00 to the Crop Walk. Start your training.

The Green Congregation committee is moving into high gear following completion of their detailed action plan. Check out their informative sidebar elsewhere in this issue.

We take no credit for the arrival of spring time, but the Social Justice Committee does relish its official arrival and the end of winter this month.

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### UU Service Committee Update

The fifth annual Freedom Summer Camp will take place from July 12 through July 19. This is an intergenerational trip which brings people from around the country to travel by bus to historical sites that were significant during the civil rights movement.

The journey begins in Atlanta and moves to Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham. To find out more go to [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) and look for Freedom Summer 2008.

Also on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee website you will find information about relief work in New Orleans. A lot of work remains to be done! Unitarian Universalists are pitching in to make a real difference.



### Green Corner

We join you all in greeting another spring with welcome and relief. Here at Channing, we're moving forward with our Green Congregation activities. Your committee has

drafted our action plan, concentrating on the four required areas for certification: Worship and Celebration, Religious Education, Environmental Justice and Sustainable Living, and we've shared that draft with the congregants who attended the information update after church recently. We're now refining the plan, reviewing the updated RISE energy audit of our three buildings, and planning ways to share our congregational survey results with you. We've also begun our first Sustainability Circle, Northwest Earth Institute's "Global Warming: Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse," with a full complement of twelve participants, and we've scheduled another potluck dinner for later this month. We look forward to sharing the completed plan with the entire congregation very soon, but if you have questions, want to see the draft plan, or want to get more involved, please contact Beth: [bpmilham@cox.net](mailto:bpmilham@cox.net).

### Social Justice Movie Night "Lost in Woonsocket"

The revealing and inspiring tale of a film crew that set-out to produce a television show, and ultimately found their calling in helping two homeless alcoholics found living in a tent. Contact Bill Peresta (846-3971, [wperesta@cox.net](mailto:wperesta@cox.net)) to reserve a seat and a share of the popcorn!  
**Friday, March 14, 7:00PM**  
Peresta's Home, Middletown, RI

### CROP Walk Against Hunger

Save the date! **Saturday morning, April 26th** is the local walk against hunger. The walk begins at Emmanuel Church and you can choose to walk for 4 or 10 miles. Sponsor forms will be available soon. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in Newport - to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. More information is available online: [cropwalk.org](http://cropwalk.org)

### Guest at Your Table a Big Success

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Guest at Your Table endeavor. We collected \$879.50! There were 4 checks for \$100 which will be matched - bringing our total to \$1279.50! In addition, nine people or "units" joined or continued their UUSC membership.