**UUFH jUUstice Workers News: JUNE 15, 2022**

***Justice is what love looks like in public.***

**MEETING Schedule:**

The **SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM** now meets on the first TUESDAY of month from 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM via ZOOM.

*Our next monthly meeting, our annual planning session for the coming year, will be held in person and virtually on July 5, at 1 pm.*

All are welcome to attend; these meetings are your chance to provide input and contribute to our UUFH justice efforts. Please e-mail [Charlotte Corrigan](mailto:hcorrigan@msn.com) for more information – i.e., agenda, prior minutes, and Zoom link - if you would like to participate.

The **jUUstice FORUM** series continues on the 4th Monday of each month at 1 pm via ZOOM. Discussion topics will be announced in advance.

MARK your Calendar!

**Our JUNE 27 JUUSTICE FORUM will be a brainstorming discussion with members on our UUFH ARE Congregational Project.**

Judy Bonnerhas established a recurring ZOOM link for participants:

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396764338?pwd=aDAraEkwdHR3Z1BIdUEwemdReEM3Zz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396764338?pwd=aDAraEkwdHR3Z1BIdUEwemdReEM3Zz09)

For a copy of the project proposal, see this link: [**22-23 UUFH Congr. Project Allies for Racial Equity**](https://1drv.ms/w/s!AltUFI_NouBujgtABk8fPqaVUgT2?e=bCZGda)**.** Judy has additional background information which she can share in advance of the Forum session - upon request.

**UPDATE: ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS from the SJ TEAM:**

**The 8th Principle:**

***“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”***

At our June 2021 Annual Meeting, UUFH members approved a motion to study the UUA’s proposed 8th Principle ahead of a planned vote for adoption by UUFH at our 2022 Annual Meeting on June 5 following the Sunday service.The Social Justice Team proposed that we also adopt a related proposal, **ALLIES FOR RACIAL EQUITY**, to act on the 8th Principle as our **2022-2023 CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT**.

The proposal calls *all congregants* to become involved in some of its many activities.

For the full text of the Project proposal, use this link**:** [**22-23 UUFH Congr. Project Allies for Racial Equity**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/w-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2F1drv.ms%2Fw%2Fs!AltUFI_NouBujgtABk8fPqaVUgT2%3Fe%3DbCZGda&data=05%7C01%7C%7C5885462ac545430c1f2508da433f5900%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637896236596215888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y2yqn0Eh8Nb%2BwM2rDCXmV0A4awyUaXEpfwGNPMzFXw8%3D&reserved=0).

Motions for BOTH proposals passed at the June 5, 2022 Annual Meeting. A third Motion passed officially changing the team name in the Congregation’s Governance Document from Social Justice Outreach Team (SJOT) to Social Justice Team (SJT or SJ Team).

**ONE OUR JUSTICE WORKERS FEATURED by PAHC**

The Progressive Alliance of Henderson County features UUFH SJT member Anne Backer in their June newsletter; read Anne’s story here:

[**https://www.progressiveallianceofhendersoncounty.com/newsletter**](https://www.progressiveallianceofhendersoncounty.com/newsletter)**).**

**other HIGHLIGHTS in this issue:**

* OUTREACH COLLECTION - Grow Our Own” began on 6/5 – see below for details
* UU JUSTICE NC – see below and following page(s) for Action Hour information and details for other actions & events (JUNETEENTH video link)
* Creation Care Alliance Summer BOOK STUDY – see page 4

**OUTREACH COLLECTION: “Grow Our Own” Scholarships**

Larry Winecoff joined our UUFH service on Sunday, June 5 to kick off the Outreach Collection in support of the Grow our Own Scholarships - a program to grow our own teachers of color. Larry left copies of the brochure explaining the Fund for pickup from the foyer table as you enter the Sanctuary. This Collection ends on June 30.

For more information click this link:[**https://hcefnc.org/growourown/**](https://hcefnc.org/growourown/)

36% of our students are of color but only 7% of teachers and administrators are of color.

Students need teachers who look like them, can better relate to them, and who serve as excellent role models. Research is very clear: students who have teachers who reflect their ethnicity do better in school, are more likely to graduate from high school, are more likely to continue their education and are more likely to become contributing members of their community.

One solution is to provide scholarships to promising local students of color who would commit to teaching in Henderson County for at least 3 years after they graduate and become certified teachers. This is an investment in our local community to make our educational system even better than it already is and to provide an opportunity for all students to reach their potential.

This is our first collection for this Fund and our last Collection for this year; let’s make it outstanding.

Please label your cash/checks “Outreach – Grow Our Own“ or use the UUFH website “donate” Outreach option.

**UU JUSTICE NC**

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**FRIDAY ACTION HOUR – every FRIDAY at 11 am**

Join UU Justice NC for our Weekly Friday Action Hour. Every week, UU's and justice partners across the state gather to recap the past week and take action on the issues impacting our state and country. And there is always great music to help us feel the justice movement in our bones! Join us via this [**Zoom link.**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefault.salsalabs.org%2FTfd8de1ac-27d4-4fb7-9e07-981df35ee672%2F9cff1258-a71f-4cf2-98d9-59075ae18d9e&data=04%7C01%7C%7C150e532d4f954955c5bc08d9cfb0c07b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637769180331926227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=hA%2B3Ptz4vDuDt4SeXOED%2B5Ir7CAX4Hsv28ikllxgvfg%3D&reserved=0)

And if you can't make it on Fridays, you can still take action at any time - just check out our [**W**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefault.salsalabs.org%2FTda6291c7-5f93-4165-bb01-097baeb35da6%2F9cff1258-a71f-4cf2-98d9-59075ae18d9e&data=04%7C01%7C%7C150e532d4f954955c5bc08d9cfb0c07b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637769180331926227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=yDQ0pFWGORY3QJTdrFWVIAmgTJiyh9StMUGcJjFbpAQ%3D&reserved=0)[**eekly action list.**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefault.salsalabs.org%2FTb721900a-ac72-467f-b4d6-6faefd11d51b%2F9cff1258-a71f-4cf2-98d9-59075ae18d9e&data=04%7C01%7C%7C150e532d4f954955c5bc08d9cfb0c07b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637769180331926227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=JuLGTEy3agmQzZTeQokSOrJDDXvWayDvWpAEsbllB9k%3D&reserved=0)

Sign up for the **Weekly Friday Action Hour Email** that will include a promo of the week's actions, the Zoom link, and the link to our Actions List (Google Doc). [**Click here to sign up!**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefault.salsalabs.org%2FT681a76a1-1ef6-472e-a79c-cbcad8b7451b%2F9cff1258-a71f-4cf2-98d9-59075ae18d9e&data=04%7C01%7C%7C150e532d4f954955c5bc08d9cfb0c07b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637769180331926227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=9sEMy1Wfz8KtNIKGc68SolFCcimfj4jq3ejiMALMLVQ%3D&reserved=0)

An email shows up in your inbox before each Friday’s Action Hour so you are always in the loop.

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION from UU Justice NC:**

**(Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson)**

**Juneteenth - Sunday, June 19 (VIDEO link)**

On Sunday, June 19, we celebrate **Juneteenth** which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States – **Independence Day for enslaved Americans**.

If you'd like to learn more about this important holiday check out this **[7-MINUTE VIDEO.](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D6FX-Iisvrj8&data=05%7C01%7C%7C9cffd19b49a746a8cbf608da4897febe%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637902114917219798%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=beQr5eC7972yxhMXNYkoDaDm9BTC1cJgdfaTkEDiL5g%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank" \o "Protected by Outlook: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FX-Iisvrj8. Click or tap to follow the link.)** As of last year, Juneteenth is now a Federal Holiday, the legal holiday will be observed on Monday, June 20).

**A Historic Moment for our Movement to EXPAND MEDICAID**

Two weeks ago, a Medicaid Expansion bill passed in the NC State Senate and it now has an uphill battle in the NC House.

We need everyone activated as part of this state-wide movement to expand healthcare coverage to over 600,000 North Carolinians. Here's how to take action:

Call your State Representative and Senator using the Health Action NC's [**Call-In Tool**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmobilize4change.org%2FSr5In0R&data=05%7C01%7C%7C9cffd19b49a746a8cbf608da4897febe%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637902114917219798%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ep0KfPMJ%2FRfFrSTE6Lt8ipahK3%2BJYo9%2F4SNRjDSW%2B8U%3D&reserved=0) and tell them that NOW is the time to pass a North Carolina solution to close the coverage gap.

Additionally, write a Letter to the Editor! Together, our coalition is sending a powerful message to newspapers across the state. The NC Justice Center has made it easy! Check out their Medicaid Expansion [**Letter to the Editor Tool Kit**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1kZwt7SmDeRSSm1L2kzZJd5AElCwhXibZkIefzePB_g4%2Fedit%3FeType%3DEmailBlastContent%26eId%3D71eb369e-4bf5-4850-94ae-66e4801f0fd4&data=05%7C01%7C%7C9cffd19b49a746a8cbf608da4897febe%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637902114917219798%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BszmCKUJS0z1QRTiJJBaMd7t2L2zPnvKyMK64ytfjn4%3D&reserved=0)

**“EXPLORING DIVERSITY THROUGH LITERATURE”**

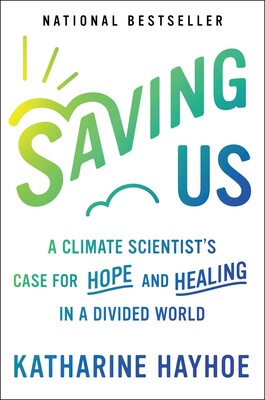
This SJ-ARE project launched in the past year to donate books that feature the many cultures, distinct traditions and realities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to local schools and other institutions.

This project will help nurture the potential of children in Henderson County by providing literature that reflects and honors their lives and experiences. We believe that our community will be enhanced by helping children appreciate themselves and others.

See the NEW project page now on the UUFH website:[**https://uufhnc.org/justice/exploring-diversity-through-literature/**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuufhnc.org%2Fjustice%2Fexploring-diversity-through-literature%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C68ea9514c9cb4c4f652708da23c222b4%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637861613952633427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ow8B2beTape9wspHOj66zrwgUd11uUwxAlzlkRdEt3M%3D&reserved=0)

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY: SAVING US by Katherine Hayhoe**

**6/21/22 – 7/26/22 --- presented by CREATION CARE ALLIANCE**



Join **CREATION CARE ALLIANCE** for a virtual study: Katherine Hayhoe's new book,

**Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope & Healing in a Divided World**.

This study, held on Zoom and led by CCA summer intern Liz Richardson and CCA steering team member Janet Mitchell, will dive into questions that many of us are holding—like how to talk with friends, family, and strangers about our ecological moment, how to create real change through seemingly small conversations, and what to do when we encounter resistance or indifference to climate science.

Hayhoe's book acknowledges that in order to create change, we need to be storytellers who find common ground and work within shared values. And friends, this is the type of work that the faith community can and should help lead. Join us to learn how to be better climate communicators, community builders, and compassionate changemakers.

We're looking forward to this six-week journey!

*Register below*.

We are asking for a $5 donation to support this offering. If you are unable to make a **financial contribution, email Sarah Ogletree at sarah@creationcarealliance.org to receive a scholarship.**

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**uuforwardtogether.org** UU Justice NC

**uua.org** Unitarian Universalist Association

**uusj.org** UUs for Social Justice

**uusc.org** UU Service Committee

**uumfe.org** UU Ministry for Earth

**8thprincipleuu.org**

**uuworld.org**

**mountaintrue.org**

**creationcarealliance.org**

**youcanvote.org**

**democracync.org**

**allontheline.org/northcarolina**

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