Social Justice Action
“What one does is what counts. Not what one had the intention of doing.” Pablo Picasso

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UUCSW Service Project
Social Justice FAMILY Event –
When – Sunday February 2, 12:00 – 12:30 PM
Where – In our very own church kitchen.
What – Pack meals. We will be packing meals for people in a homeless shelter in Worcester. There will be jobs for all ages. We deliver 100 meals on Sunday and they are handed out the next two days.

A few years ago, we became a “Welcoming Congregation.”

As explained by the UUA, “In the 1980s and 90s, when the word “welcoming” became a code word for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, the Unitarian Universalist Association launched a Welcoming Congregation Program to help us learn how to undo homophobia—and later, transphobia (prejudice against transgender people)—in our hearts and minds, our congregations, and our communities.”

To become a welcoming congregation, we followed a formula that helped us update our documentation, and enabled us with several meetings to increase our awareness on LGBTQ issues. We put quite a bit of effort into making that happen.

So are we welcoming to a diverse population???

According to Wikipedia, the population of Westborough is 70.1% White, 2.4% Black or African American, 23.6% Asian, Hispanic or Latino of any race were 4.8% of the population. Westborough has a significant Indian-American Community making up 15.4% of the population, as well as boasting a strong immigrant community with nearly 5,000 residents of non-U.S. origins (25.9%).

Are we welcoming to this population with diverse backgrounds? I don’t believe we have a clue!

Good Intentions are not enough (see the Picasso quote on reverse side!)

So help is just around the corner.


The UUA is offering a series of call-in sessions to talk about diversity in congregations and how to be more sensitive to the issues. I’m planning to be part of that discussion and I invite others to join me. If we get a few people, we can gather in one place to be part of this effort.

Let me know if you sign up.

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