

Social Justice Action

“Don’t ask what the world need. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” Howard Thurman

UUCSW Service Project

Social Justice FAMILY Event - “Alternate” Meal Packaging
We can’t get together to actually package the meals, but this week we delivered all the fixings and the crew at the shelter will assemble the lunches. The need continues, and we can meet that need in an alternate way. If you would like to do the shopping for 100 meals, let me know.

I’ve always believed the quote by Howard Thurman above. But does that lead to our going off by ourselves; not forming allies near us; but instead trying to do it on our own or with a far-flung group of people? How do we get out of our “silos” as described in the next reading.

This is by Manish Mishra-Marzetti in the book I’ve described here before, [Justice on Earth](#).

“Allies are always brought into this work from a broad spectrum of backgrounds, but the galvanizing energy has almost always been focused on the single issue. This silo effect unintentionally separates justice advocates from one another. Those with a passion for the environment may not see or believe that their issues intersect with race; those with a passion for gay lesbian rights may not see how their commitments intersect with issues of endemic poverty; those with a passion for education or affordable housing may not see the ways in which their cause connects with issues of nutrition and food security and so on. We do the good work that we are doing somewhat removed from others who are just as passionate as us, but about different issues, believing perhaps that if those other folks saw the light they would care about our issue as much as they care about their own.

This silo effect has one well-proven result: it keeps entrenched systematic problems in place. Our separation from one another as advocates allows the largest most

thorny intersectional problems to remain largely intact as issue focused groups true on different, limited slices of whatever is going on. We need to bring a power analysis to bear on this and realize that we are much larger and stronger working together from the lens of intersectionality than we are from issue driven silos. this possibility invites us to be intentional about seeking out and meeting one another at the intersections building shared agendas from there.

Would it be possible for those interested in Social Justice at UUCSW to not be fragmented, but instead realize that we can get more done with synergy?? So far I haven’t seen it!

April 24th Book Discussion

The title is *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. In a nutshell, DiAngelo coined the term "white fragility"; it is a reaction in which white people feel attacked or offended when the topic of racism arises. The book discusses many different aspects and manifestations of white fragility. We will hold our discussion via Zoom. Find Zoom info in the Weekly Update. Check out some reviews: [newyorker.com](#), [slate.com](#)

UU The Vote

Now here is something we can all get behind. THIS transcends all of our silo concerns. Anyone interested in getting involved? Let me know. Let’s see what we can get started!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tSdxAh3a64>

Jerry Breecher is your editor.
Please contact him at Jerry@Breecher.com