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ACTION

Rally **TODAY** - Free Farm-worker Rights Leaders Enrique Balcazar and Zully Palacios and farm-worker Alex Carrillo!

Meet at 11:30 AM on Monday 3/27 in front of the [JFK Federal Building](#) in Boston!! We will stand together to call on ICE to stop tearing apart our families and to stop targeting farm-workers' rights leaders ahead of an important bond hearing for 3 Vermont workers at 1:00 PM - Enrique, Zully, and Alex!!! **Join and share on [Facebook here](#)**

Migrant Justice leaders Zully and Kike and farm-worker community member Alex are all going to immigration court in Boston on Monday, March 27th and we need a huge turnout to speak out for their freedom and immediate release!

For clergy attending, it's important to join the action with respective garments (tallit, collars, hats, etc.) and symbols, in this way your presence will be noticed and will show clear support from faith communities.

This is the first of several Migrant Justice actions to honor National Farmworker Awareness Week!

If your organization wants to endorse the action (and thus promote!), email info@migrantjustice.net.

Jose Enrique "Kike" Balcazar Sanchez, 24, and Zully Palacios Rodriguez, 23, were surrounded by four undercover ICE vehicles soon after leaving the Migrant Justice office in Burlington, VT on Friday March 17 after being followed from a Migrant Justice organizing meeting. Migrant Justice organizers arrived on the site of the arrest in time to see the two being loaded into separate vans and driven away. The detention came two days after agents arrested dairy worker Cesar Alexis Carrillo Sanchez, 23, outside the Chittenden County courthouse Wednesday morning. At the time, Mr. Carrillo, known as Alex, was accompanied by his wife, Lymarie Deida, a U.S. citizen. The two have a four-year-old daughter together. More information on their cases: www.migrantjustice.net.



Shared by our friends at Vermont Interfaith Action

Building Our Climate Justice Movement!

UUs Resist - A New Campaign of Joyous Resistance

When: Sat April 1, 2:00 - 5:30 PM, dinner following event

Location: First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St, Dorchester

Speaker: Lina Blount, EQAT board member and volunteer organizer



On Saturday, April 1 UU Mass Action will host the nationally known Philadelphia based Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) for a presentation on their groundbreaking Power Local Green Jobs campaign. EQAT's campaign seeks to force their local utility company to radically increase their investment in renewable energy in a way that specifically creates jobs and benefits people in low income communities.

We will hear about their new Power Local Green Jobs campaign, and discuss what it would look like for UUs to create and launch a similar campaign in the Boston area.

Ample, free parking in lot by church and Mather School lot
(10 min walk from Fields Corner Red Line station)

Cost: Free! \$10 suggested donation to cover food and space rental

Accessibility: Space is fully accessible

For more info or to volunteer, contact, Evan Seitz at 413-687-8444, or eseitz@uumassaction.org

Get Prepared for UU Advocacy Day!

When: April 11th, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Arlington Street Church & The State House

Early Bird registration has ended, but you may still

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Opportunities are being created to prepare you prior to UU Advocacy Day. Below are the videos that are complete. The following prep videos will be available next week:

End Mass Incarceration: Justice Reinvestment Act & Juvenile Justice Omnibus bill

Economic Justice: Raise Minimum Wage, Paid Family & Medical Leave, Fair Share Amendment

Anti-Oppression: Safe Communities Act

Protect Our Democracy: We the People Act

Learn more about the bills now:



[Climate Action: Accelerating Renewable Energy, Solar Access for All, Keep Ramping Down Fossil Fuels, Environmental Justice & Just Transition at Pilgrim](#) (17:43)

[Climate Action: Divestment of Public Funds from Fossil Fuels](#) (12:48)

[End Mass Incarceration: Solitary Confinement Reform](#) (4:59)

[End Mass Incarceration: End Policies that Increase Incarceration Rates, End Criminalization of Poverty & Addiction and Give People a Chance Post-Release](#) (12:55)

[Bill Gardiner \(EMIT\) & Colleen Kirby on Criminal Justice Reform \(LWV\)](#), Arlington Community Media (58:49)

[Advocacy Day Prep, where to find the available resources on all bills](#) (16:29)

Helpful Resource Links:

[Effective Advocacy Strategies](#) [Bills and Committee Placements](#) [Legislative Sponsors/Co-Sponsors](#)
[One Sheet Summary](#)

More Climate Action Opportunities

Pilgrim Nuclear NRC Meeting Update & Action

[Cape Downwinders](#) reported that there was an excellent turnout to the Nuclear Regulatory Public meeting on March 21st. The Cape Delegation called for the immediate shutdown of Pilgrim! [Rep. Sarah Peake](#), [Rep. Dylan Fernandes](#), [Rep. Randy Hunt](#), [Rep. William Crocker](#), [Rep. Timothy Whelan](#), and [Rep. David Vieira](#) along with [Senator Julian Cyr](#) made a strong case to the NRC. [Read Letter](#)

Please let them know we appreciate their powerful push for public safety! Click on the legislators name to be directed to their contact information.

Lots of good folks spoke up, too. There will be a full video online shortly.
With gratitude for all the positive support to close Pilgrim NOW! Diane Turco

People's Climate March

When: Sat April 29, 9:00 AM

Where: Washington DC

Individuals, Friends, and Congregations are encouraged to sign up for buses to DC, [FLYER](#)

1. 'Red-eye' Buses organized by 350 Mass for a Better Future. Prices vary. Buy tickets online: <http://tinyurl.com/PCMBoston>

2. 'Red-eye' Buses organized by First Parish in Concord. Cost is \$110/person.
Sign-up: <https://goo.gl/forms/5a89IMmEXd87UDF32>
For more information, email Kate Crosby cfcrosby@gmail.com

 3. Weekend Bus from Framingham organized by a friend of First Parish in Wayland. Cost is \$125.
Leaves Friday 8:00am. Departs D.C. Sunday 9:00am.
Contact Anki at ecedventures@comcast.net
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Eversource Rate Increase:

Tell the DPU to reject the rate hike - it's bad for consumers and bad for our climate. We need to be investing in renewable energy, not enriching fossil fuels companies and their investors!

[Click Here to Send a Letter](#) [Download Schedule & Talking Points](#)

On January 17, 2017, Eversource Energy submitted a proposal to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to update the company's electric rates. The proposal requests a net increase in annual delivery revenue of \$60.2 million, representing a 7 percent increase in those revenues to support our electric distribution operations.

Attend a Public Hearing!

March 30 at 6 p.m.

Cambridge Public Library
Lecture Hall
449 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

April 3 at 7 p.m.

Barnstable County Complex
Harborview Conference Room
3195 Main Street Barnstable, MA 02630

April 5 at 7 p.m.

Keith Middle School
225 Hathaway Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02740

April 6 at 7 p.m.

Plymouth South High School
490 Long Pond Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

April 10 at 6 p.m.

The Berkshire Athenaeum Auditorium
1 Wendell Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

April 12 at 7 p.m.

Springfield City Hall
School Committee Meeting Room
(Room 220)
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

April 24 at 6 p.m.

Katharine Cornell Theatre
51 Spring Street
Tisbury, MA 02568

April 26 at 7 p.m.

Greenfield Middle School Auditorium
195 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

Sanctuary & Solidarity Events:

Immigrants' Day at the State House

When: Wed April 5, 9:00 - 2:00 PM

Where: State House, Boston, Hall of Flags

Lead Organizer: MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Network)

It's that time again! With everything that is happening at a national level it is more important than ever that immigrant voices are heard at the state level. This year we will be focusing on the [Safe Communities Act](#), a bill to protect the civil liberties of ALL Massachusetts residents and making sure that our legislators stand against the anti-immigrant policies coming out of the White House. [Please register online here!](#) More info to follow.

In solidarity, The MIRA Organizing Team

[Facebook Event Page](#)



Boston: A Syrian Woman's Journey of Courage and Hope

When: Sat April 8, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St., Boston (In the chapel)

Sarah, a Syrian young adult will share her experiences swimming out to sea to pull boats of refugees safely ashore. Sarah is a sister of the Olympic swimmer who also was a rescuer. Mo and Dima, are a Muslim couple who live in Cohasset and are members of First Parish in Cohasset. Mo and Dima have worked with the [Inly school](#) to sponsor Sarah and to help share her story. [Learn More](#)



Worcester: Two upcoming Worcester Sanctuary Network Planning meetings - these meetings are being hosted by our Sanctuary & Solidarity interfaith partner, Mass Community Action Network:

North Shore: Salem City Council Hearing on Making Salem a Sanctuary City

When: Wed March 29, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: Bentley School Cafeteria, 25 Memorial Drive, Salem

Lead Organizer: ECCO (Essex County Community Organization)

Worcester: Sanctuary Network Planning Meeting

Saturday April 1st, from 10am-12pm at ICC Church

108 Beacon St, Worcester

Community Conversation and Strategy Session

Monday April 10th, at 6:30pm at ICC Church

108 Beacon St, Worcester MA

Centro Presente & First Parish in Concord Present:
The Invisible Crisis: The Female Face of Forced Migration
When: Sun April 2, 11:30 - 1:00 PM
Where: First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Rd., Concord
RSVP: [Facebook Page](#)



Centro Presente has produced the short documentary “The Invisible Crisis: The Female Face of Forced Migration” to bring the stories of Central America women to light. Please take a moment to watch it here.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iINd0WG3-cl>

One group of women perhaps with the most to lose under a Trump Presidency are the women migrants fleeing violence and social instability in their home countries. Victims of systemic human rights abuses in their countries of origin, they come to the U.S. seeking to survive and to save the lives of their children. Yet upon arrival to this “nation of immigrants” they again see their human rights abused by a system that fails to recognize their plight and their humanity. Until now their stories have been invisible.

Join us for a showing of this documentary followed by a conversation with one of these women about the realities confronted by undocumented immigrants in these times of Trump. Please let us know if you are interested in Centro Presente coming to your Congregation, organization or school to host such an event by sending an email to Patricia Montes, pmontes@cpresente.org

What’s Happening with Economic Justice?

UU Mass Action is working on our Economic Justice priorities in coalition with the Raise Up Mass.

[HD 2179, SD 984](#) Raise Minimum Wage to \$15 Sen. Ken Donnelly Rep. Dan Donahue

[HD 2573, SD 1768](#) Paid Family & Medical Leave Sen. Karen Spilka Rep. Ken Gordon

[As well as the Fair Share Amendment](#)

District meetings are being scheduled to discuss these bills with legislators and bring attention to these important issues. Let me know if you’d like to set up a meeting with you Representative

lwagner@uumassaction.org

Legislator: Patricia Haddad

When: Mon March 27, 6:30 PM

Where: Somerset Town Hall, 140 Wood St,
Somerset

Sponsor: Coalition for Social Justice

Legislator: Representative James Cantwell

When: Tue March 28, 4:00 PM

Where: Marshfield High School, 167 Forest St,
Marshfield

Sponsor: Coalition for Social Justice

Legislator: Representative Carole Fiola

When: Mon April 3, 4:30 PM

Where: Fiola District Office, 441 North Main St,
Fall River

Sponsor: Coalition for Social Action

Legislator: Representative Tom Walsh

When: Wed, April 5, 4:00 PM

Where: Peabody High School, Melting Pot Room

Sponsor: Peabody Federation of Teachers

Legislator: Representative Alan Silva

When: Mon, April 3, 4:30 PM

Where: Fiola District Office, 441 North Main St,
Fall River

Sponsor: Coalition for Social Action

Legislator: Representative Tackey Chan

When: Thur April 13, 6:00 PM

Where: Old City Hall, Lower Level 1305 Hancock
St, Quincy

Sponsor: SEIU District 615

Legislator: Representative Paul Tucker

When: Mon April 17, 5:30 PM

Where: 10 Colonial Rd, Salem

Sponsor: American Federal of Teachers

Commonwealth Conversations - Let your voice be heard!

Public statewide forums are being held with state Senators as part of the Commonwealth Conversations initiative. The next one is March 28 in Amherst:

**Town Hall Forum at UMass
Student Union Ballroom, 280 Hicks Way, Amherst MA**

The tour will be hosted by Senator Don Humason, Senator Adam Hinds, Senator Eric Lesser,
Senator Jim Welch, and Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

For those who cannot make it, you will be able to submit testimony online. See the Commonwealth Conversations [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more details.

Additional forums will take place on:

April 4 - MetroWest

Hosted by: Senator Jamie Eldridge, Senator Karen Spilka, Senator Cynthia Creem and Senator Mike Barrett

April 11 - North Shore

Hosted by: Senator Joan Lovely, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senator Jason Lewis, Senator Ken Donnelly and Thomas McGee

EVENTS, EDUCATION AND FORUMS

Looking for ways to live you values?

Note: Events Below are sponsored or co-sponsored by UU Mass Action, or are being offered by our UU partners

Community Discussions with Senator William Brownsberger

Senator Brownsberger will co-host community discussions on [the push for criminal justice reform in Massachusetts](#) in Watertown and Brighton next week.

The events will each feature an overview of [the broad agenda for criminal justice reform](#) in the 2017 – 2018 legislative session, followed by a general discussion, as legislators seek community feedback on the agenda and on other criminal justice reform priorities.

Senator Brownsberger will host a similar discussion in the downtown end of his district later in the Spring.

Allston/Brighton

WHEN: Monday, March 27 from 6:30 – 8 PM

WHERE: Jackson Mann Community Center | 500 Cambridge Street, Allston

COHOSTS: Representative Kevin Honan, Representative Michael Moran

Watertown

WHEN: Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 8 PM

WHERE: Watertown Free Public Library | 123 Main Street, Watertown

COHOSTS: Representative Jonathan Hecht, Representative John Lawn

If you are unable to join us, please do not hesitate to [share your thoughts directly](#).

Tell Me the Truth: Exploring the Heart of A Cross Racial Conversation

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Marblehead High, 2 Humphrey St, Marblehead

Sponsored by the Marblehead Racial Justice Team and The Taskforce Against Discrimination. Join Shay Stewart-Bouley (black) and Debbie Irving (white) as they talk about racism's impact on their life and how conversation has been instrumental in their understanding of racial dynamics in the 21st century. [FLYER](#) [Facebook](#)



Black Lives Matter: Facilitating Dialogue, Building Understanding



When: Fri April 5, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson, 80 Main St., Hudson, MA [REGISTER \(Free\)](#)

Black Lives Matter Boston will be speaking at the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson! Come hear from community organizers on the front lines about the history of the movement, the mission of Black Lives Matter and how you can get involved in the struggle for justice and equality. No prior knowledge is needed, just a willingness to learn and participate in dialogue. All are welcome!

This event is free and open to the public but we are limited to 175 seats, so please use eventbrite to help us assure we have room for everyone.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to learn more, you can find the guiding principles of the Black Lives Matter movement on their website.

Webinar: Beyond Banners

Hosted by The New England Region G.R.A.C.E. Team (Growing Racial And Cultural Equity)

[REGISTER NOW](#) FREE session

When: April 10, 7:00 PM

So, your congregation has a Black Lives Matter banner. Now what? How do you continue your commitment to social and racial justice beyond the banner? Come learn with others who are considering the same questions you are. *[If interested, register now and we'll let you know when the date is as soon as it's set. We understand the date might not work for you and will adjust accordingly.]*

UU Mass Action Economic Equity in Politics Certified Working Group presents:

[Citizens Uniting to Restore the Republic](#)

Local initiatives to combat the corrupting influence of money in politics and advance the ideal of "one person, one vote".

When: Wed April 19, 7-9 P.M.

Where: Theodore Parker Church, 1859 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA

Money is speech.

Corporations are people.

#AlternativeFacts?

Not so. Supreme Court decisions have made both the law of the land.

However, many groups are working here in Massachusetts to reverse the pernicious effects of these doctrines.

Attend this educational event to learn what you can do to help—starting in your own back yard.

The following organizations will present their views of the challenges we face, outline their strategies for action, and answer your questions:

- **Greater Boston We The People MA**
- **American Promise**
- **Represent.Us: Boston**
- **Voter Choice Massachusetts**

Co-sponsored by: Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale, Theodore Parker Church Social Action Committee

Please circulate our [FLYER](#) and let us know if you are interested in having a similar event in your congregation. We would be glad to help! To contact us or to join the Economic Equity in Politics Certified Working Group, please visit: <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/EEP-CWG>

New England Regional Assembly - Register now!

When: Fri April 21 & Sat April 22

Where: Hilton, Boston/Woburn, 2 Forbes Rd, Woburn MA

[See flyer for more details](#) [REGISTER](#)

Celebrate our Unitarian Universalist Faith through inspired worship, music, engaged learning, fun and fellowship. Meet UUA presidential candidates. Sing Reflect. Make Connections. Awaken your spirit!



Resource

[Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie](#)

March 14 2017 report from the Prison Policy Initiative. Written by: Peter Wagner and Bernadette Rabuy

New report, Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2017, pieces together systems of confinement and provides 15 new infographics