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ACTION

UU Advocacy Day - Resources!

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!](#)



Feeling Frustrated by what's happening at the federal level of our Government?

Want to tell our state legislators:

- Criminalizing poverty and addiction is wrong
- Keeping someone in solitary confinement for up to 10 years is torture
- Youth and young adults need options, not jail time
- Investing in clean, renewable energy is good for jobs, our communities and our world
- Full time workers should be able to meet their basic economic needs
- People should not have to choose between keeping their job and caring for a loved one who is sick, caring for their own needs in a health crisis or caring for the addition of a new child to their family.
- We must protect those among us who are most vulnerable and no one is safe unless everyone is safe
- We must protect our democracy from the corrupting influence of money and corporate greed

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you need to come to UU Advocacy Day!

Here are some helpful resources to help you prepare:

[Agenda for the Day](#)

[How Laws are made in Massachusetts](#)

[Effective Advocacy Strategies](#)

[Bill fact sheets, helpful resources and video overviews of each issue area](#)

[Spreadsheet: Bill co-sponsor/sponsors](#)

[Spreadsheets: committees, members and bill placements](#)

Climate Action Opportunities



Join the [People's Climate March](#) in DC: Saturday, April 29, 2017

First Parish in Concord has two buses leaving from their congregation and there are still seats available!

Two buses are being organized from Concord, MA to the national climate march on April 29 in Washington, DC -- **sign up [at the link here!](#)**

Cost is \$110 per seat. Buses depart at 10pm Friday and return early Sunday morning.

The march is 100 days into the new administration to demand action on climate change, climate justice and a renewable future. The march is led by a magnificent coalition of 300 labor, racial justice and environmental groups, including [350.org](#), Sierra Club, NAACP, Indigenous Environmental Network, SEIU and many more - lots more info at www.peoplesclimate.org.

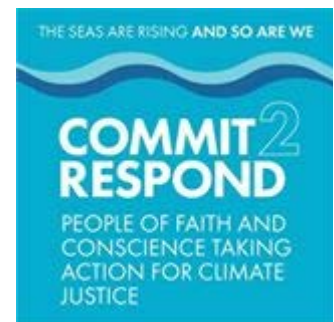
(Questions to Kate Crosby at cfcrosby@gmail.com or Berni Jenkins at bernijenkins2@gmail.com.)

Flyer about the Concord buses is [here](#)

UU Young Adult Climate Justice

Join the UUYACJ Network for GROW Climate Justice April 27-30 to prepare for, participate in and reflect on the march.

Whether you're new to activism, or have been in the streets for years, we welcome you to take part in this timely opportunity for UU young adults (18-34 years old) and friends of diverse faiths to strengthen and renew the relationships, skills, and spiritual practices that fortify our organizing.



We will worship and sing together, share stories and strategies, and learn-by-doing in two hands-on tracks, one focused on Art, Culture & Community Building, and another on Nonviolent Direct & Disruptive Actions, exploring and getting equipped with techniques that we will apply immediately at the People's Climate Mobilization and in the long-haul struggle ahead.

Register for GROW by April 9: <http://buff.ly/2o4N5AQ>

RSVP for the march here: <http://buff.ly/2o51hdk>

Western MA, People Climate March Buses

[Climate Action Now](#) is organizing buses for the April 29 Climate, Jobs & Justice March in DC.

Some subsidies available. <https://peoplesclimate.org>

ACTION: From the MA Power Forward Team - EV Ready Wiring & State Regulation

You can help convince the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to amend the state building code to require electric vehicle (EV) ready wiring in all new residential and commercial construction by emailing a statement to the BBRS via Robert.Anderson@state.ma.us

- Put **EV-ready wiring** in the subject line.
- Clearly state your support for amending the building code to require EV-ready wiring.
- If you would like ideas about what points to address: [Talking points](#)
- **Deadline for comments April 10**
- Mass Energy link to send an email: <https://www.massenergy.org/about/advocate#alert>

ACTION: Call Governor Baker!

From our partners at [350 Mass for a Better Future](#)



Two-Minute Climate Action! As Trump decimates the Clean Power Plan, Gov. Baker remains silent. Call him!

This is not the Trump administration's first attack on our communities, and it probably won't be the last. States and cities are rising up to take leadership and protect the climate and our communities, and we need Governor Charlie Baker to join them. Make a quick call and ask him to take a stand against the Trump administration's dangerous actions on climate, and to get our state back on track to meet our own carbon reduction requirements. [Click here to call!](#)

Letter to Governor Baker - Drop Your Support for New Pipeline and More Fossil Fuels (3/30/17)

Boston, MA — Seventy-four city and town conservation commissions across Massachusetts today urged Governor Charlie Baker to drop his support for wasteful and costly fracked-gas pipelines in Massachusetts.

[In a joint letter](#), the conservation commissions say new pipelines impede the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals in the Global Warming Solutions Act and Baker's Integrated Climate Change Strategy. Citing the large and geographically diverse number of signatories who are deeply concerned about the future costs of climate change from rising sea levels, extreme storms, heat waves and more, Eugene Benson, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, called upon the governor to invest more rapidly in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

"We need Governor Baker to fight to preserve and protect our habitats, not destroy them for fossil fuel profits and pipelines we don't need, especially now when the environment is under attack by the Trump Administration," Benson said. [Read more.....](#)

Eugene Benson, [Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions](#)

ACTION: 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 fuel 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!

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

Divest Massachusetts from Fossil Fuels!

SAVE THE DATE: Morning of MAY 16, 2017

Demonstration at The Ma Pension Fund (Prim) Office, 84 State Street, Boston

Part of the May 2017 Global Divestment Mobilization

Sanctuary & Solidarity Events:

ACTION: Calling all Health Care Providers

Please, sign onto the [Health Providers for the Massachusetts Safe Communities Act](#) open letter, and tell Massachusetts lawmakers that we are committed to treating all patients regardless of their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or immigration status. Police resources should not be used to separate families. We will present the letter on Immigrants Day at the Massachusetts State House on April 5th.

Text of Massachusetts Safe Communities Act [here](#). Facebook page for the Massachusetts Safe Communities Act [here](#).

Building Our Sanctuary & Solidarity Networks

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](#)

Economic Justice

[Raise Up Mass](#): Support our Economic Justice priorities by attending a meeting with your local legislators. In 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 your Representative.

lwagner@uumassaction.org

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](#)

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 Alan Silva

When: Mon, April 3, 4:30 PM

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

Sponsor: Coalition for Social Action

Raise Up Mass, District Meetings, cont.

Legislator: Representative Paul Tucker

When: Mon April 17, 5:30 PM, Where: 10 Colonial Rd, Salem

Sponsor: American Federal of Teachers

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 Tackey Chan

When: Thur April 13, 6:00 PM

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

Sponsor: SEIU District 615

[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 April 4, Metrowest:

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Warren Conference Center
529 Chestnut Street, Ashland MA

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

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.

The final forum will take place on:

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 your values?

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

Local Greening: Use Your Municipal Rights

When: Thur April 6, 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Where: Peace Lutheran Church, 107 Concord Rd, Wayland (Rte. 126)

Residents of every town have well-established rights to create local climate justice

- How much power do we have in our town halls to make change?
- How "green" is our town?
- What steps can we take to make it greener?
- How do we prioritize those steps?

Terra Friedrichs, former Selectman from Acton, will present what she's learned about "home rule state" municipal rights and how townspeople use them to stop new pipelines, control unnecessary/destructive construction, limiting/banning the use of plastics, herbicides and even pesticides.

David Ward, a sustainability engineer, will discuss how towns can become greener. He'll present the 350MA-MetroWest Node's Handy Municipal Assessment Tool that you can use as a survey to see if your town is meeting appropriate green metrics toward a greener and socially just future.

Our Metrowest node public meetings usually happen the first Thursday of the month with locations changing to accommodate learners, supporters, and activists around the region.

For more information about climate change and the MetroWest node:
metrowest@350MA.org <https://www.facebook.com/350MAMetrowestNode>

Black Lives Matter: Facilitating Dialogue, Building Understanding

When: Fri April 7, 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 register and 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.

Beyond Immigration Policy: Religion, Race, Culture, & Economy

When: Sat April 8, 9:30-1pm (Complimentary soup lunch)

Where: Emerson Center, Congregational Church of Topsfield, 9 E. Common St., Topsfield

Presentations with panel discussion: "Historical, Cultural, and Economic Aspects of the US Immigrant Experience" - Elsabel Rincon, "A Syrian Refugee Story" - Eman Lasheen, "Islamophobia and Political Correctness" - Raheel Raza, "RIM Care-giving: Visiting ICE Detainees" - Tom Warren

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: Mon 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.]*

Film: Before the Flood

When: Saturday April 15 10AM (doors open at 9:45 AM)

Where: at The Venue Theater in Lexington: Free Event [FLYER](#)



An eye-opening and heart-inspiring film to help promote climate justice. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio meets with scientists, activists and world leaders to discuss the dangers of climate change and possible solutions.

Immediately following the screening, hear how Massachusetts can show the way for other states in reducing carbon pollution. Learn about carbon pricing and fee rebates. Get the latest information on the April 29 People's March for Climate, Justice, and Jobs. Find out how you can join with others in taking actions that will make a difference. Now is the time to stand up for our beautiful earth and future generations.

This event is being sponsored by First Parish in Arlington, First Parish in Bedford, First Parish in Concord, First Parish in Lexington, and Follen Church. All are welcome.

For more information contact: Stephen Shick at stephenshick04@gmail.com

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**
- **Respresent.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>

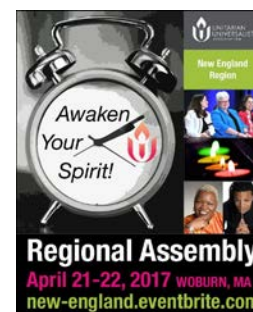
New England Regional Assembly - Register now!

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!



Adam Foss on the Evolution of Prosecution

When: Sun April 23, 2:00 PM

Where: First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington, 630 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington Center

Prosecutors have enormous power and discretion, and their decisions shape thousands of lives. Some are realizing that their traditional tools can't solve the real problems people face.

Adam Foss is a former Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney and the founder of Prosecutor Impact, which helps prosecutors learn a better way. His [TED Talk](#) on "A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice System" has been viewed more than 1.5 million times.

Come hear him speak about how prosecution needs to change and how we can help.

This event is free and open to the public. An optional \$10-20 donation to support Prosecutor Impact will be invited but not required.

Sponsored by the Mass Incarceration Working Group of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. Questions? Email end-mass-incarceration@firstparish.info.

Documentary: Containment

Presented by Cape Downwinders

When: April 28, 7:00 PM



Where: WHAT (Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater) 2357 Rte. 6

**Although the film and program are free,
[you need to make reservations for your seat](#)**

Can we contain some of the deadliest, most long-lasting substances ever produced?

Left over from the Cold War are a hundred million gallons of radioactive sludge, covering vast radioactive lands. Governments around the world, desperate to protect future generations, have begun imagining society 10,000 years from now in order to create monuments that will speak across time. Part observational essay filmed in weapons plants, Fukushima and deep underground — and part graphic novel — Containment weaves between an uneasy present and an imaginative, troubled far future, exploring the idea that over millennia, nothing stays put.

This event is being planned by Cape Downwinders in anticipation of the upcoming town votes on the non-binding resolution to ask Governor Baker to ensure that the spent nuclear fuel rods be put in dry cask storage for the safety of us all. Former State Senator Dan Wolf and Karen Vale of the Cape Cod Bay Watch will be speaking prior to the film.

Save the Date: May Day March (Mon May 1)!

Join together in solidarity with Workers, our friends in the immigrant community, and all those who call for justice in our communities

Where:

East Boston, Maverick Station 4:00 PM

Everett City Hall 4:00 PM,

Chelsea City Hall 5:30 PM

More details will be available soon