

The Food Justice Team Annual Report, 2021-22

Submitted by Co-Chairs Cathy Muha and Colleen Crawley

The Food Justice Team seeks to advocate for human health and animal welfare and promote equitable food systems that sustain the environment, alleviate hunger, and support farm and food workers.

Our goals are: 1) Environmental: Working toward zero-waste at congregational events; educating our congregation and the wider community; 2) Racial Justice: Meeting local farmers/people of color, discussing their needs, assisting where needed; exploring treatment of food and farm workers. Our meetings are online and open to all.

Core group members are: co-chairs Cathy and Colleen; Connie McGuire, Merrill Crockett, Ruth Vail, Eileen Wright, Sheila Saunders, Mark Sanderson, Larry Schweinhart and Sue Schweinhart.

Activities

Website: <http://uuua.org/social-justice/324-me-home-page> and FACEBOOK page: [\(3\) UUAA Food Justice Team | Facebook](#)

Other:

WE HAVE MET MONTHLY VIA ZOOM, AND ARE JUST STARTING TO DO HYBRID MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH AND ZOOM.

WE WORKED AT FARMER BILL'S FARM ONE LAST SUMMER IN 2021. WE LATER HELD A PICNIC TO CELEBRATE OUR 10 YEARS OF THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT THAT SUPPLIED THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF FOOD AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO FOOD GATHERERS.

WE HOSTED A REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PANEL DISCUSSION WITH 4 AREA FARMERS AT AN ANN ARBOR LIBRARY. IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED AND RECEIVED.

Future Plans, Goals

Our goal remains to find creative ways to carry out our Mission:

- Support local farmers, especially those of color, in any way we can
- Continue to grow our core group membership
- Work on Zero Waste with the community and the Sustainability Project with the Climate Action group
- Educate the congregation and wider community on sustainability issues.