

Challenging Racism Group 2017-2018 Annual Report Submitted by Kathy McLean and Gina Boldman

Challenging Racism supports members of this Congregation on their journey toward spiritual growth and self-knowledge about their own racial, ethnic, and/or class privilege. We present programs that affirm the worth and dignity of all and build meaningful connections and community partnerships with others on the same journey and provide opportunities for reflection and action.

CRG Activities this year include:

- Acquired World Trust film, *Healing Justice*
- Lucia Heinold gathered information monthly about area upcoming events and distributed the information to our CRG email list of over 100 members
- Sponsored a White Privilege Circle facilitated discussion at UUAA
- Edie Croake prepared an insert for a February Sunday order of service on What You Can Do About Racism
- Donated 3 John Lewis graphic novels to UUAA Sunderland library
- Supported the Immigration Action Coalition in preparation of the congregational vote to become a sanctuary congregation
- Donated multiple books to the UUAA auction on issues of race, all by authors of color
- Several members attended and reported back on:
 - MUUSJN Challenging Racism Toolkit workshop in Lansing
 - Programs by Friends of Restorative Justice, including subjects Accounting for Violence in Mass Incarceration and Women's Prison Project
 - Major fundraiser for the local African American Cultural and Historical Museum and a preview of *All or Nothin'*, a locally made film about the underground RR
 - Poor People's Campaign meetings
 - Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice - Connect and Act March 2018
 - Transforming Justice Washtenaw campaign for HRC task force to form police review board

Plans so far for next year:

- Present film *Healing Justice* in three parts with guided discussions following
- Hold an event, Bagels and Brainstorming, to gather ideas from congregants for future CRG actions
- Offer book discussion on *Daring Democracy*
- Continue to explore the MUUSJN Challenging Racism Toolkit for ideas