HPCUMC JUSTICE MINISTRY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings to All:

In this month's email / newsletter the Justice Ministry of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church (JM) would like to begin highlighting some of the local organizations that we have chosen to support and partner with in our quest for a more equitable community. The JM Leadership Team has designated active point persons for each of the partner organizations. Our quest is to support their missions and to highlight opportunities for hands-on involvement. You'll hear about additional opportunities and partners in future newsletters.



YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

The "YW" has a proud history of supporting racial and gender equity through its programming. Racial Justice remains a major focus for the organization as it has been for several years. The 2020 Racial Justice Breakfast is to be held on September 16.

This year's edition will be a digital program for the first time and all are encouraged to participate and support.

More info - info@ywcacin.org

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)

MARCC was founded 1968 *"to forgo the luxury of separate ways when a common path can be found"*. Its membership consists of fourteen denominations, made up of Protestants, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Jews and Unitarian-Universalists. We want to highlight one upcoming volunteer opportunity sponsored by MARCC.

CourtWatch Eviction Project in September, at the Justice Center, Room B, in the morning at 9:30, 10:30 or 11:30. Volunteer observers will be trained virtually, and sign up online. The Hamilton County Justice Center is following CDC protocol – masks are required, temperature check, and court room seating is six feet apart. For more information contact the MARCC office at <u>marcc@marcconline.com</u> or call 513-721-4843.

Also coming up in September is the monthly MARCC Delegates Council Meeting. This Zoom meeting is open to all.

MARCC Delegates Council Meeting

Wed., September 9th 12 noon – 1:15pm Topic: 'Voting Primer for a Pandemic' Speaker: Elizabeth Brown, President, League of Women Voters Cincinnati Area

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89638969551? pwd=WIhOUjNnQTV4ckRIZC81NmRjUkdBQT09

Meeting ID: 896 3896 9551 Password: 690026 (if prompted)

To access Zoom meeting by audio only (landline or cellphone):

- Dial in: 1-415-762-9988
- Follow verbal instructions given
- Enter meeting ID: 896 3896 9551
- Enter # for participant ID
- Meeting password: 690026 (if prompted)

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC)

Looking down the road a bit we wanted to suggest you mark your calendars for IJPC's 2020 Annual Gathering.



Mark your calendars! Thursday, November 12, IJPC is excited to host **Fania Davis** as the keynote speaker for the 2020 annual gathering, **Now What?** *Accountability and Reconciliation Beyond the Election*. Davis is a leading national voice on restorative justice, a quickly emerging field that invites a fundamental shift in the way we think about and do justice. She is a long-time social justice activist, Civil Rights attorney, writer, and scholar with a PhD in Indigenous Knowledge. Hosted virtually, Davis will reflect on the results of the November election and next steps for justice seekers. **It will be an evening not to be missed!**

Stay tuned for registration information!



VOTE!!!!

As we did in the August newsletter we want to emphasize the importance of voting in the upcoming election. Be reminded that Ohio voters can request mail-in ballots for the November election right now. Here are the links official applications for nearby counties. Paper copies of these applications are available at the desk in the HPCUMC Welcome Center. Please be proactive and informed in preparing to vote!

https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/ 2020/08/20MailAppNov8-5-20F.pdf

https://clermontelections.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/ 29/2017/01/11-a-english-absentee-request.pdf

https://elections.bcohio.gov/document_center/ Absentee%20Application%20including%20Flyer2.pdf

Peace and Justice, The JM Leadership Team