

Minutes  
Social Justice Task Force  
September 27, 4 pm zoom

**Attendance** : Barbara Carter, Caron Chess (chair), Anne Coughlin (scribe), Will Green (+Helen Burton intermittently )

Will Opened the meeting with a prayer and Caron read the Covenant

**Funding reproductive rights**

The board enthusiastically supported the SJTF initiative to support selected reproductive rights organizations. The choice of organizations, and how to implement support, was left to the committee.

**Decisions: we will support all three organizations that have been researched and highlighted to the congregation: Brigid Alliance, SisterSong, and Women’s Reproductive Rights Assistance Project. Funds raised will be allocated equally.**

**We will plan a special reproductive justice plate collection Sunday October 23.** This will be highlighted in Will’s weekly email for Oct 16 and 23, along with the ability to make donations on tithe.ly. There will be a “reproductive Justice” drop down on the tithe.ly site. This will be the only SJTF drop down option for next few months. Going forward we want only one SJ link on Tithely, Action item: Will needs to confirm with the board about whether we can do a plate collection. Will volunteered to draft text to go on NBC web site, and to ask Margo to set up tithe.ly drop down link.

**We will invite island beyond NBC to support reproductive Justice.** This also has Board support. Action item: Rev Will to post invitation, including explanation of reproductive Justice focus on NextDoor, Carolisland, in the STAR, on PI Facebook page. Include tithe.ly link in each.

**Application for NBC “mission money.”** Must go to Maine organizations. Applications due November 1. Total \$5000 available. Suggested organizations that fit within SJTF focus areas:

1. Maine Family Planning Organization
2. Wabanaki Health and Wellness
3. Wabanaki REACH
4. Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition

Action item. Caron will send out research on the orgs we can recommend choice(s) at October SJTF meeting. A proposal will be need to be written quickly after that, unless we ask the Board for an extension

**Protecting democracy/voting rights**

MUUSAN is in partnership with the [Center for Community Ground](#), an organization led by people of color focusing on increasing participation in elections among communities of color.

**Decision: we will participate in the postcard campaign targeting communities of color before the November election.** Action items: *Barbara\_Carter will go on the website, watch the video and read the pdf then contact organization to get approval for NBC to participate. Caron will order 100 postcards as soon as possible. The postcard writing party will be scheduled for Thursday Oct. 20 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.*

**Next SJTF meeting October 25, 4:00 pm.**