

**Minutes**  
**Social Justice Task Force**  
**October 25, 4 pm zoom**

**Attendance** : Caron Chess (chair), Joanne Sterling (scribe), Will Green, Helen Burton

Will opened the meeting with a prayer and Caron read the Covenant.

**Minutes** from Sept. 27 were accepted as written.

**Post Card Writing**

Caron gave a huge thanks to Barb Carter for taking a large part in organizing the **postcard campaign** for the Center for Common Ground, Oct. 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Her efforts included writing postcards before the session, writing posters with instructions, labeling each postcard, and mailing the completed cards. Thanks also to Linda Capone-Newton for the delicious refreshments and to Wally and Joanne for cleaning up. (PS – Thanks to Caron for buying all the supplies, including the postcards, colored pens, and stamps.) Thirteen people attended, we wrote 100 postcards, and it was a lot of fun!

**Funding Reproductive rights**

The SJTF sponsored a special collection (plate and website – [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly)) for reproductive justice Sunday October 23. As of October 24, we had raised \$675, and donations were still coming in. Requests for donations were posted on the church website, the **This Week at Brackett** email, NextDoor, and FaceBook.

Donations will be divided equally among: Brigid Alliance, SisterSong, and Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project.

**Decision: Application for NBC "mission money."** The group decided to request mission funds (\$4000) for the following organizations:

1. Maine Family Planning Organization
2. Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition

Applications are due November 1.

**Action item:** Joanne will write the proposal to apply for the donation.

**SACReD Training**

Caron, Will, and Joanne have attended the Reproductive Justice train-the-trainer 4-hr course given by SACReD. The training prepared attendees to present a seven-part curriculum which includes self-reflection, videos, readings, and group listening and conversations about RJ. After trainees review the curriculum, we will discuss bringing the curriculum to NBC.

## OWL Update

Joanne reported that the Board has approved funding to implement a portion of the OWL program in 2023. As a member of the church Board, she has written a preliminary implementation plan. A small committee has formed (outside of the SJTF) and more people will be invited to discuss how best to advocate and implement the program.

## MIRC

**Decision:** NBC will sign up to pack food at the Root Cellar.

**Thursday November 10 4:30-7 food packing at the Root Cellar** for immigrants living in hotels. Will and Helen are signed up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4caeae22a6f5c16-mirc>

**Action Item: Rev. Will will post this in the This Week at Brackett email.**

## Wabanaki

Rev. Will thanked Caron for her input into the Indigenous People's Day service and her role in helping people be more engaged in supporting the Wabanakis.

Most of the Wabanaki activities are now on hold.

## MUUSAN

UU the Vote National Online Election Night Watch & Wait Together November 8th 8:00 - 11:30pm Fun & Spiritual Nourishment with Side with Love - volunteers will hold space on this critical night. Join us for a little while or for hours

**Text-banking with the [Poor People's Campaign](#)** Any day you can sign up for a 1-hour block 1 L "

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**. Next SJTF meeting Nov. 22, 4:00 pm – Zoom.**