



Church Team Spotlight

OUR JUSTICE TEAM

Since re-grouping in Summer 2020, the Friends for Justice at First Congregational (a.k.a. Justice Team) have been meeting monthly via Zoom, usually on the second Monday at 4:00 p.m. The Team developed a Facebook page and [webpage](#) on the church website. The webpage contains team-recommended readings related to racial justice. In January 2021, team members participated in the first interfaith Ozaukee County Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, with excerpts from King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

Currently, we are planning a study series for this Fall, based on the UCC-developed curriculum *Sacred Conversations to End Racism*. The 8-week series will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 beginning September 14th through November 2nd. The church Reopening Team is working with us to assure that we are following health guidelines related to COVID-19 for this in-person gathering. The weekly sessions will be interactive, co-facilitated by Reverend Laura McLeod (Pastor Scott's wife) and Pastor Andre Pirtle, a chaplain and community activist from Milwaukee. Reverend Laura is a UCC-certified facilitator for *Sacred Conversations*. There is limited capacity and pre-registration will be required. Early registration will be open to church members and friends and we look forward to strong participation from First Congregational Church. However, the series will be free and open to the public. Please contact Louise Mollinger at Lamollinger@gmail.com if you would like to register or if you have any questions.

The work of the Justice Team is guided by its stated purpose:

"But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"
(Amos 5:24)

Responding to God's will expressed in the prophet Amos' words and Jesus' call to love our neighbors as ourselves, we seek to encourage and facilitate learning and action in our congregation that furthers a just society and world.