

Amos 5:24 But let **justice** roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Report of Social Justice Commission for the Diocese of Western MA

This was a year with a lot of discernment and trying new things. We attempted to organize by corridor representatives (Bishop's Connectors) but this failed to gain momentum. However this has evolved into two new efforts. One is for the Diocese to join three community organizing Groups: Pioneer Valley Project, Berkshire Interfaith Action, and Worcester Interfaith. There are already Episcopalians involved in each group, but this will formalize our relationship with these groups that do so much good work on the ground. We also encourage each individual parish to join the group in its respective corridor.

This fall we have also decided to plan a Diocesan-wide Discernment event for Social Justice. Tentatively named "Bending Toward Justice," it will be held January 25 and held at All Saints South Hadley. Please save the date and keep your eyes open for further communications soon!

We have also been involved in various community-wide events, including Youth Standouts at Smith and Wesson, Campaign Nonviolence Events, the Lights for Liberty Vigils in July and events in solidarity with Eduardo Samaniego and Lucio Perez.

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