

Social Justice Committee Meeting, January 7, 2018

Members present: Chitra Vaidy, Mary Ellen Trusheim, Matt Nolan, Lauren Rickard, Manisha Antani and Roberta Headley

***Family Promise:** Chitra has checked with Domino's Pizza and they will sell us ten pizzas for \$6. apiece for Cheese, \$7 with one topping. We will use some of the money donated to Family Promise on Christmas Eve, plus other donations. On Tues., Jan. 16th, pizzas will be delivered by 6pm, Manisha will provide salad, Roberta and Rudy/Peg desserts. On Thurs. Jan. 18th, Chitra is making chili, Ivonne Spanish rice, Sashi salad, Shawn Hull dessert, Sheri Russell cornbread. Matt Nolan, Rudy Nyhoff and Peg Duffy will help serve/host on Tuesday. On Thursday Shawn Hull and Sherri Russell and daughters will host. Breakfast and lunch items will be paid for by Christmas Eve donation.

*Chitra and Mary Ellen took the **Share the Warmth** donations from Wilmington Friends downtown on Sunday afternoon before Christmas and gave them out when Premier Charities was feeding the homeless. Chitra took items from Doris' Montessori School to Family Promise. Both were very appreciative.

*Roberta will go to Fulton Paper and Party store and get the two sizes of plastic containers this week to give out the next Sundays in January. Church members will take them home and fill them with homemade soup to bring in on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th, where they will be sold and all money given to the Food Bank of Delaware. Mary Ellen and Manisha will help set up. Lauren will get cash for change. Tables need to be set up in Library. Roberta will email Terry, DRE, and ask if any of the youth want to bake and bring in items to sell such as muffins or other baked goods.

*Chitra reported on the all day conference at UUFN, Grassroots Policy Forum-Building a "Movement of Movements" in church on Sunday. The speakers were inspiring she said. Jack Guerin is a co-chair of UUDAN. Bail reform is needed. Chitra asked us to call our Delaware representatives this week.

*Chitra is suggesting a church-wide read of the book, *Just Mercy*, by Brian Stevenson. It was a suggested book to read last year by UUA. We could recommend it to our church book club, Chalice Circles and the congregation. A discussion could take place during one of our pot lucks after church. Greg has suggested April. The author has given a TED talk and the Un. of Delaware freshmen were asked to read it last year.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Headley