

Members present: Lauri Rickard, Eileen Selph, Steve Selph, Larry Dickerson, Jack Guerin, Kendall Moses, Chitra Vaidy and Roberta Headley

UUSMC Social Justice Mission statement: We organize to address unmet Social Justice needs in our community, nation and wider world through a balanced mix of Service, Education, Advocacy and Public Witness. We engage the congregation in activities and partner with relevant individuals, groups and organizations.

* **Eileen and Steven Selph spoke first:** Eileen said that she and Steve were quite upset by items they saw for sale at a shop. She and Steve both described them as racist. It was in an antique shop near the Outback in Newark. Larry also talked about a store in Wilmington selling chips with racist pictures. Larry also spoke about his personal feelings when confronted with racist imagery in old movies etc. He felt that it was important to address when possible and have the conversation with the person involved. Chitra suggested that a letter be written to the store, as the people involved in selling these items may not be aware of the significance of the imagery and its effect, and that all present were in agreement that this should be the next step, after discussing with Greg and the board. We would ask them to stop selling the merchandise because it is offensive and racist. Eileen and Steve will write something about this to Chitra and a copy will be sent to Greg, the board, and our committee. It would be good to send this to the stores and ask them to stop selling these items.

***Share our Plate:** Roberta read the list of current "Share our Plate" charities. These were discussed and it was decided to keep UUDAN, PFlag, Planned Parenthood on for two months each for next year. We also decided to add three more: Wings for Success (suggested by Mary Pat Knauss), Sunday Breakfast Mission (suggested by Larry Dickerson) and Del Tech Food Bank for students (suggested by Eileen Selph).

School Supply collection: Roberta said she would be away the last two weeks in July and needs someone to put out school bags and lists of supplies and accept \$10 for each book bag taken. She will leave these in the office before she leaves and email the committee to help sell the school bags and give out lists while she is gone.

Our committee will meet again in late August. The next Family Promise is in October.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Headley