

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PLAINFIELD
724 PARK AVE., PLAINFIELD, NJ
MARCH 1 – 3, 2013

The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield is hosting a social awareness weekend from March 1–3. The theme of the weekend, “Partners for Immigration Justice,” seeks to explore forming community partnerships to promote immigration reform by identifying issues, planning activities and taking action. Events include a Friday night international pot luck, a forum on Saturday and guest speaker on Sunday.

The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (www.fusp.org) is hosting a social awareness weekend, March 1–3, 2013. The theme is “Partners for Immigration Justice.” The community is invited to join us for the potluck dinner, forum and guest speaker.

The weekend will kick off on Friday March 1st with an International PotLuck Dinner from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. This will be an opportunity to informally meet representatives from other congregations, community organizations, and immigration coalitions. We are planning a fun-filled family friendly event with music, entertainment, juggling, face-painting, and more. We are encouraging those that attend on Friday night to bring an international or traditional family dish to share.

On Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm, we invite you to attend the “Building Partners for Immigration Reform” forum. This event will be facilitated by the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey (UULMNJ). We plan to have representatives from various congregations, community organizations and immigrant coalitions share information and identify the issues and needs of the local immigrant community. We also plan to explore how we can cooperatively work together in the future to best address the needs of the immigrant community locally as well as nationally.

On Sunday March 3rd at 12:00 noon at our Sunday Explorers Series, guest speaker Ingrid Diaz, MA, MSW, LCSW, PhD (candidate) will describe the Latino culture, migration experience and the impact it has on the individual and family system. Ms. Diaz has a vast clinical experience in working with the severe and persistent mentally ill population, particularly with Latinos in community mental health centers. There will be a light lunch served at 11:45 prior to the lecture.

Throughout the weekend we are collecting moleskin donations for the “No More Deaths” project sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tuscon which provides humanitarian aid to migrants in Arizona. We here at FUSP recognize the enormous issues surrounding immigration and that the struggle to ensure honest and effective immigration reform will require partnering with likeminded individuals, groups and organizations. We look forward to seeing you in March at one or more of our events. For your information we have attached a flyer. Thank you in advance for your participation. Please RSVP and let us know which events you plan to attend (908-756-0750).

About the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield

The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP) is a diverse, democratically organized congregation that invites you to participate fully, whatever your cultural background, abilities, gender, age or affectional ties. We have pledged ourselves to anti-racist and anti-oppression work within our own religious community. We are a diverse, active congregation that cares deeply about each other and about issues that affect our lives. We serve members and friends in over 45 communities.

Parking:

Directly across from the church entrance, turn into what looks like a driveway next to a fenced parking lot (Little Ceasars lot). It will take you to a municipal parking lot. No need to feed the meters on a Sunday.