



## Monadnock Interfaith Project

*Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice*

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## Greetings to all from Monadnock Interfaith Project!

Spring is here! We hope this email arrives to you with feelings of hope that the season brings. We have been busy and are excited to share with you several updates. Be sure to click the links below to learn more.

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### Housing Team

MIP is convening a housing team to work towards increasing affordable housing in our region. We are in the midst of meeting with local organizations and experts to better understand challenges, gaps and opportunities. We are learning a lot about zoning, and the myriad of ways that affordable housing can be provided. We will work towards developing a campaign to expand access to affordable housing in the months to come. If you have passion for social change and care about housing, we invite you to join us!

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### Clergy Convenings

Thus far, we've had 3 sessions bringing together clergy and congregational leaders from across the Monadnock region to build relationships and to reflect on our various faith traditions' call to social justice. If your congregation or organization would like to join these meaningful conversations, please reach out to us. We'd love to have you!

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### Opposing NH House Bill HB544

The NH legislature put forth a bill [HB544](#) which in practice would prevent important conversations and trainings on racism and sexism to occur in public schools and universities, state and local government, and businesses that contract with the state. While the bill was defeated, the language has been added to the budget. MIP gave testimony at the budget hearing on May 4, and submitted a [Letter to the Editor Opposing HB544](#) from an interfaith perspective. We invite people to take action through emailing the [Senate Finance Committee](#) to express your opposition.

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### What in God's Name

We welcome our part-time community organizer, Angela Pape, who has helped give MIP more energy and focus in fulfilling our mission. Angela has over 15 years in the field of faith-based community organizing and recently recorded a podcast with Chris Owen and Shayna Appel sharing about her experience, you can listen to the 2 episodes at this link: [What in God's Name](#).

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