Monadnock Interfaith Project Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

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Dear friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! With the recent COVID surge, many have faced hardships and challenges. Life is not an easy journey. For each of us and our nation, we pray for compassion, understanding, courage and moments of joy.

January 17th we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Rev. King's words delivered at the 1967 Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference inspire us...

"Power without love is reckless and abusive. Love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best, is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love."

To honor Dr. King join our friends at the <u>United Church of Christ</u> <u>in Keene</u> on Monday, Jan 17, for the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry, open to all 10am-4pm, details below.

Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry

Nine UCC churches in New Hampshire collaborated during the summer of 2020 to create 10 quilts that combine to depict the final living words of George Floyd.

This exhibit, in all its pain and beauty, distills for us the deep racial wound that troubles our nation. When we bear witness to this pain, we are moved to become allies. Sacred allies.

The United Church of Christ in Keene Monday, January 17th, 10 AM – 4 PM Masks & social distancing observed 23 Central Square, Keene, NH, 603-352-4136

> "Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

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Deepening Congregational Involvement

In 2022, we will be prioritizing connection and involvement of congregations and faith communities. If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to MonadnockInterfaith@gmail.com

Affordable Housing Update

The work of MIP's housing campaign was highlighted in this prominent Keene Sentinel article December 27: Local faith groups take action to reduce housing insecurity



On January 26, MIP representatives will meet with the Cheshire

County Commissioners to discuss Affordable Housing Trust Funds. Expanding access to affordable housing is a HUGE need in the Monadnock region. January's frigid winter temperatures remind us how safe and reliable housing is vital for all of us!

Successful End of Year Fundraising!

MIP raised nearly \$5,000 in our end of year appeal. Thank you!!

It's not too late! When you feel inspired to give, donate online via <u>the</u> <u>MIP Website</u> or send a check written to "Monadnock Interfaith Project" mailed to PO Box 161, Keene, NH 03431.

We are so grateful for the many ways we are working together. We wish all of you well in the new year. Stay in touch!

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