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Dear Friends,

Wishing you joy, peace and connection in this winter season!

In this eNews edition... MIP on WKBK radio, January's Lay Gathering and a special event with Father Greg Boyle founder of Homeboy Industries.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these upcoming events!



Father Greg Boyle Cherished Belonging: Love in Divided Times

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Event Heberton Hall, Keene Public Library Monday, January 15th, 6:00pm Free and open to all.

Fr. Greg Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the nation's largest gang intervention program, providing hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated persons. MIP is a proud co-sponsor of this event with the Keene Human Rights Committee.

A native of Los Angeles, and a Jesuit priest, Father Greg Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles, which also had the highest concentration of gang activity in the city. While there, he witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the so-called "decade of death" that began in the late 1980s and peaked at 1,000 gang-related killings in 1992. Fr. Greg, the parish and community members adopted a radical approach to the crisis that emphasized the humanity of gang members. Their efforts led to the founding of Homeboy Industries.

Fr. Greg is the author of numerous books, including the 2010 New York Timesbestseller Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion and the 2017 Los Angeles Times-bestseller Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship. For information contact: Alyssa Bender at (603) 357-9829.

& Potluck Meal

Wednesday, January 24

5:00pm Potluck Meal 5:30 - 7:30pm Program Keene Unitarian Universalist Church Parish Hall, 69 Washington St.



At Lay Gatherings we create meaningful relationships across differences and put our faith into action. We will build on our recent meetings with:

- Dialogue about how our faiths inspire us.
- Discussion with Kate Leversee, The Community Kitchen (TCK) Director of Operations and Jodi Newell, TCK Volunteer & Guest Services Coordinator about the Food Pantry Collective, Mobile food Pantry, and leaning in to social justice at TCK.

Click here to RSVP for the Lay Gathering Jan 24

Please note, this is a day of the week and location change from the last meeting. We will share a potluck meal together.

Reach out to <u>monadnockinterfaith@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Listen in to co-hosts Raleigh Ormerod and Tom Julius on WKBK's Saturday morning radio show talking with MIP clergy and lay leaders about how faith leads to service and social action.



You will be inspired by their...

- Heartfelt sharing about personal spiritual journeys.
- Stories of social justice from their faith communities.
- Building bridges across faith traditions.
- Amplifying the collective good in the world.

Click here for:

- 1. <u>First hour</u> with Laura Tobin, Bethann Claus, Rev. Susan Clinkenbeard, and Deacon Derek Scalia
- Second hour with Len Fleischer, Mohammad Saleh, and Rabbi Dan Aronson



Providing shelter and crisis related services to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Hundred Nights is looking for volunteers to help withweekend meals... January 13, 21, 27 & 28.

There is always a need for clothing and personal care items check the Hundred Nights website: https://hundrednightsinc.org

Thank you to everyone who made end-of-year donations!



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