

**Social Action Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7, 2021**

**Present on Zoom:** Liz Probert, Darryl Regier, Dayle Vraets Rev. Donalee Williams, Anne Warwick, Jane Scholer (recorder) **Regrets:** Marion Quirk

**Fund Balances March 31, 2021:**

Mission and Service: \$ 7,637.52

S.A. (BlueEnv.): \$ 776.20

**Traditional Recipients:**

Wesley Urban Ministries \$500, Migrant Farmworkers Project \$300, Grimsby Affordable Housing \$300 (through YMCA), Habitat for Humanity \$300, McNally House will receive \$500.

**Business:**

- 1) **The Migrant Farmworkers Project:** Three teams of Trinity drivers have taken on delivery routes for the “baskets” on Fridays in April. They will “train” 3 more teams to take up those routes in May. We look forward to helping out more as the field workers continue to arrive in Niagara.
- 2) **National Recognition of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls** occurs on May 5. This is also well known as Red Dress Day. Rev. Donalee will mark this day in her reflection on Wednesday, May 5.
- 3) **Social Action Sundays:** discussion on how to continue having guest speakers address issues affecting our church, community and society. A request has been received to address any aspect of the BIPOC experience. i) UCC has hired the first anti-racism and equity officer, Adele Halliday (Broadview, March 2021). Adele Halliday would be a good source of advise. ii) We can seek local initiatives on Black Lives Matter for a speaker or advise. iii) A relationship has been established with the International Muslim Organization mosque in Rexdale (Anne). An interfaith presentation by a representative from the mosque is another suggestion.
- 4) **Guaranteed Livable Income Program:** The United Church of Canada along with a growing number of churches and politicians urge officials to adopt a basic livable income program in Canada. As we build back better from the struggles of Covid 19 this is a vital step to protect the health and safety of all Canadians. Moderator Richard Bott asks us to seize this moment in history ... write, email, join any of the actions listed on our UCC website!

Next Zoom Meeting - May 5, 2021