

Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC):

Dear Friends,

The SJMC is thrilled to share with you that the Board has approved the raising of our Black Lives Matter banner on the facade of the church until the end of June 2018! The SJMC thanks all of you for offering us important feedback throughout this process. We are grateful. We plan on having a ceremony to raise the banner very soon. Stay Tuned.

Beyond the Banner

We see the raising of the banner as only the beginning of standing on the side of racial justice. In the upcoming months, we will plan a number of events for both the congregation and the wider community. These include:

- The development of a congregational reading group that will discuss Debby Irving's *Waking Up White*.
- The screening *The Color of Fear*, a documentary on interracial dialogue about racism. Brandeis Professor and congregant Ted Johnson will lead a discussion after the screening.
- The creation of a community-wide discussion about Black Lives Matter and the question of racial justice. We will reach out to our neighboring churches, public schools, police, and governmental leaders.
- The development of workshops lead by the group Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). SURJ helps white communities move from consciousness raising about white privilege to activism.

If you are interested in learning more about the SJMC and our current work on racial justice, please check go to our church's new website at: <http://uuharvard.org/social-justice-ministries-council/social-justice/black-lives-matter/>. And always know that all are welcome at the SJMC!

On behalf of the Council,

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