



Social Advocacy - Opportunities and Resources

Opportunities:

April

As we Celebrate Easter and rejoice in the Resurrection take a few minutes to declare your commitment to Christ's love – visit the [General Board of Church and Society](#) - follow the ACT NOW links found in the ‘What YOU CAN DO’ section near the bottom of that page or go directly to the [Take Action page](#) to quickly find current issues. You can contact your representatives from those issue pages - declare your faith expectations to our leaders.

Monday **04/09/2018** – 7:00 PM – ***“Back From the Brink: Physicians as Peacebuilders in a Nuclear World”***
Carroll University Campus Center Ballroom, 100 N. East Avenue, Waukesha. Dr. Ira Helfand, MD will discuss the growing danger of nuclear war, the health and humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons, and the campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons. Dr. Helfand, MD, is on the Steering Committee of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and Past-president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. He is an internationally recognized expert on the medical consequences of nuclear war.

Saturday **04/28/2018** – 8:30 AM - [**SOPHIA Fundraising Breakfast and Silent Auction**](#). At La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave., Waukesha. Keynote Speaker is Reggie Jackson, the head griot at America's Black Holocaust Museum will present "Using a Historical Lens to Build Racial Understanding." Contact the Heberts for additional information and tickets (\$40) or buy them directly from the [**SOPHIA breakfast page**](#).

Resources:

Alzheimer's

The movie "*Alive Inside*" is a 78-minute documentary that demonstrates music's ability to connect with people suffering from memory loss. The film makers interview care givers and family members who see the marvelous effects that personalized music has for their patients and loved ones. If you missed the June 2017 screenings or wish you could share information about personalized music with family and friends the [**DVD is available from the Waukesha Library**](#). It is also available from various online sources including streaming services and the Heberts have purchased a copy that you can borrow.

General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church

There is much to be healed in the world and your local Church and Society team only presents some of the many needs and issues. For a more complete picture of the social advocacy issues and concerns raised by the United Methodist Church please visit the General Board's website at: [**https://www.umcjustice.org/**](https://www.umcjustice.org/).

Immigration

The movie "*The Other Side of Immigration*" is a 53-minute subtitled documentary based on over 700 interviews with people from the Mexican countryside. It provides insights about why people risk so much

to cross the border into America. If you missed the May 2017 screenings or wish you could share what you learned with family and friends you can check out the [DVD from the Waukesha Library](#). It is also available from various online sources.

Living Our Principles

Is a new video series produced by the General Board of Church & Society. The six part series focuses on the church's social principles and shows some remarkable ways people of faith live out their values. These videos are available on the [UMC's Justice YouTube channel](#).

SOPHIA

First United Methodist Church is a member of SOPHIA, an interfaith organization that brings people together in support of social justice action in the Waukesha County area. The goal is to bring about effective change, especially in areas around social injustices. Visit www.sophiawaukesha.org for more information on current initiatives.

211

It's not just a phone call away – it is also available online! If you are looking for community resources in Waukesha County and don't know where to start try 211. Waukesha County's Health and Human Services (at 262-548-7212 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) has an agreement with [IMPACT 2-1-1](#) to provide trained telephone counselors 24/7 who can provide information and referral telephone support. Access by dialing 211 or toll free at 1-866-211-3380 or through the internet at [IMPACT 2-1-1](#).