

St. Angela Merici Social Justice Commission

New members are always welcome!

Join us and attend our regularly scheduled meetings or watch the bulletin to get involved with our special projects.

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The Social Justice Commission meets the 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm to discuss and promote social justice issues in our local and global community through action and prayer.

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Our Mission

Rooted in Catholic social teaching and impelled by love, the Social Justice Commission of St. Angela Merici seeks to promote justice as the way to peace, uphold the dignity of every person, and foster solidarity and respect for the poor in our community and the world. We hope to achieve this through prayer, reflection, education, advocacy and action on various social justice issues.

Our Social Justice Commission was revived in March 2009. Please join us as we pray, reflect, educate, advocate and act on various social justice issues with our Lord, our community and our world.

Prayer/Reflection

- **Lenten Soup Supper**

This coming Lent 2012, all are invited to attend a simple meal of homemade soup and bread. A speaker will give a presentation on what it means to “hunger and thirst for justice.” Date/time To Be Announced.

Education

- **Fair Trade**

Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers. For more info, visit crsfairtrade.org.

In support of Fair Trade, the Social Justice Commission makes available Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate for purchase in the Parish Center as well as during Hospitality Sundays. These products will be available during **Welcome Back Day: August 21, 2011.**

Annual Fair Trade Fair: Sunday, October 9, 2011. Eight local vendors will be selling fair trade items from around the world.

- **Hosting Speakers**

Human Trafficking-Modern Day Slavery: Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. Learn about the complex reality of human trafficking, what it is, and where it happens.

Refugee Awareness Day: Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. Stacy Dever, from Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, will share her experience with helping to resettle refugees from around the world to the Cleveland area.

Solidarity

- **Nsumba Home, Kampala, Uganda, Africa**

In 2009, St. Angela established a partnership with Nsumba Home, an orphanage of 600 children. Fr. Don Dunson and Fr. Gene Hattie are our Cleveland connections. Each year, St. Angela will have at least one project to support the orphanage, promote solidarity and raise awareness of the poverty facing so many children in Africa. Monetary donations are collected year round through St. Angela’s pink donation envelopes.

- **Church in the City Partnership**

St. Colman Neighborhood Meal: Saturday, October 8, 2011 Cooking Prep Friday, October 7th 6-8pm in St. Angela Social Hall. Prepare, set up and serve a meal to our neighbors in the St. Colman neighborhood.

Bountiful Harvest: Sunday, November 20, 2011 Collection of fresh produce after Masses and deliver to the West Side Ecumenical Ministry’s Community Corner and Family Center.

St. Colman Book Room: A new SAM Social Justice project to join with St. Colman’s in providing reading materials for St. Colman neighbors by assisting with shelving, sorting, labeling and collecting books.

Advocacy

- **OTSE (Ohioans to Stop Executions)**

On behalf of St. Angela’s SJC, we signed a resolution for a moratorium on executions in the State of Ohio while the death penalty is studied.

- **Advocacy and Reflection E-Mail List**

Our chairperson occasionally sends out e-mails from organizations like the Diocesan Social Action Network and Catholic Relief Services. If you would like to be included on this list, please see the back page for contact information.

Future plans:

Right to Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC in January, 2012

Interfaith Hospitality Network learn from our cluster partner St. Christopher to host for one week homeless by preparing meals, offering fellowship and a place to stay.