

## Charge to the AHCC Social Justice Task Force

April 2009

- *Review the history of the Inclusiveness Task Force as it relates to the last sentence in AHCC's inclusiveness statement, which represents in essence a social justice "call to action"*
- *Draw inspiration and context from scriptural references to and calls for social justice as well as from AHCC's own history*
- *Review UCC materials relating to social justice ministry (e.g., "Building a Peace with Justice Movement in the UCC: A Resource Manual for Congregations")*
- *Consult with the Christian Activities Council and UCC-CT Conference regarding strategies for establishing and sustaining a social justice ministry*
- *Examine and update the inventory of social justice ministries at AHCC compiled by Fredd Ward last year*
- *Review the summary of social justice-related activity at UCC churches in the New England region (summary prepared by Fredd Ward last year)*
- *Study, in depth, the results of the 2009 AHCC Faith in Action Survey to discern congregational sentiments (particularly points of emphasis/majority opinion as well as words of caution) about whether and how to translate faith into action in our church at this moment in its history*
- *Develop specific recommendations regarding next and ongoing steps (what, why and how?) at AHCC, touching on:*
  - *Overarching - and inclusive - goals for social justice at AHCC*
  - *Governance/lay leadership relating to social justice/action*
  - *Programming (special events)*
  - *Opportunities to engage our congregation in ongoing activity/ministry*
  - *Communications*