

## **35 Ways of Doing Justice Daily at Your Church**

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1. Create and maintain a bulletin board about social justice events. Include projects your church supports and new ideas for projects to support.
2. Include a basket of canned goods or soaps and shampoos when you bring the offering forward each Sunday.
3. Join the One Family program and advocate for a family trying to move from homelessness into housing.
4. Support a missionary. Exchange letters and email and invite them to visit your church.
5. Keep a big jug in prominent place and ask people to put their spare change in it. Donate the money to a mission project.
6. Put information about domestic violence and child abuse hotlines in the restrooms and on an information table. (Include resources from PFLAG, Safe Schools and for Seniors)
7. Support a child through UCC child sponsorship programs.
8. Recycle at church! It helps the earth.
9. Collect donated health care equipment like wheelchairs, canes, crutches and other reusable hospital items at the church. Loan them to members who may need them.
10. Form a group to discuss socially responsible investing.
11. Collect new and used household items and give them to programs that will make them available to other people. (Many items we throw away can be reused.)
12. Have a regular Bible study on faith and justice issues.
13. Invest church funds in ways which promote peace and justice.
14. Collect new coats, hats, gloves, socks and underwear for Ecclesia Ministry.
15. Talk about food as a justice issue. Make your next potluck vegetarian.
16. Put helpful hints on making our homes more environmentally sound in the bulletin.
17. Use different kinds of bread at communion and talk about who eats what and why.
18. Ask people to contribute the cost of a movie and popcorn for a new mission and justice project. You will be surprised how fast the money accumulates.

19. Collect used eyeglasses and send them to the Lions Club.
20. Encourage people to bring their own mugs to coffee hour.
21. Pray about a different justice issue each Sunday and have a short write up about it in the bulletin. Include concrete ways people can work to make it happen.
22. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
23. Tell church members why you are making financial contributions to specific organizations and causes. Keep people informed.
24. Make your church more inclusive. Create study groups to explore topics including becoming: Open and Affirming, anti-racist, multi-cultural, and more accessible.
25. Form a telephone tree or email hotline. A few calls each month can inform people about how they can advocate for current social justice issues. It is easy to call or email the State House, Members of Congress or the White House.
26. Have a table at coffee hour with petitions for members to sign supporting resolutions sponsored by the Mass. Conference or agencies and organizations your church supports.
27. Invite guest speakers to give after-church forums on current justice issues.
28. Collect “hotel” toiletries and donate them to a food pantry or shelter.
29. Offer an “Alternative Gift Fair” with cards informing recipients that a gift has been made in their name to a specific program and what that program is about.
30. Buy products that support indigenous farmers and the rainforest. (Equal Exchange Coffee, recycled napkins etc.) Ask your favorite stores to carry these products.
31. Invite the MACUCC Mission and Justice Commissioners to preach or lead a forum.
32. Invite the Just Peace Players to perform during worship or at a special event.
33. Sing songs from different countries and use worship resources with peace and justice themes regularly.
34. Encourage Sunday school classes and youth groups to create prayers and skits about peace and justice issues and use them in worship.
35. Tell the children you love what you believe and why. Working together, we can change the world.

