UU Common Read Discussion Series begins Next Sunday

Youth, Young Adults, and Adults of all Ages:

Please join Dr. Mary and Rev. Hilary in a series that will explore the 2018 and 2019 UUA Common Reads:

♦ Justice on Earth
♦ An Indigenous People’s History of the United States.

The sessions will be held at 11:30 am on the following Sundays:

♦ Sun Mar 8 – Justice on Earth
♦ Sun Mar 15 - An Indigenous People’s History
♦ Sun Mar 29 – An Indigenous People’s History
♦ Sun Apr 5 – An Indigenous People’s History
♦ Sun May 3 – Justice on Earth

This book discussion series is meant to bracket and illuminate our annual Journeys Retreat, which will be held April 24-25 and will focus on the theme of Spiritual Ecology, exploring Nature from a holistic perspective (walks in the woods, creative projects, visiting speakers, discussion), while keeping mindful of environmental justice.

We expect the series will serve up rich food for thought and ample material for discussion. We hope to have a blend of ages and voices so that our discussions can look both forward and backward in greater scope and fullness.

Please join us and bring a sack lunch. (Please avoid peanuts and tree nuts, on account of allergies – but human nuts welcome!)

Justice on Earth is a collection of essays designed to help us understand what is meant by environmental justice – as a concept, as a spiritual endeavor, and as an activist movement. The anthology begins with diverse perspectives reflecting on what it means to embrace racial and economic justice as part of environmentalism, and concludes with a series of model partnerships between UU congregations and local marginalized communities of color engaged in environmental action.

An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States offers a meaningful history of our nation that asks us to rethink the origin story of the U.S. taught to every child, in ways that may help us to understand the mess we are in now. Marking the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and native people, the book encourages us to re-think the connections between indigenous rights and climate justice. There is also a version of this book for young people.

The books are for sale in the church office.