

Social Justice Committee

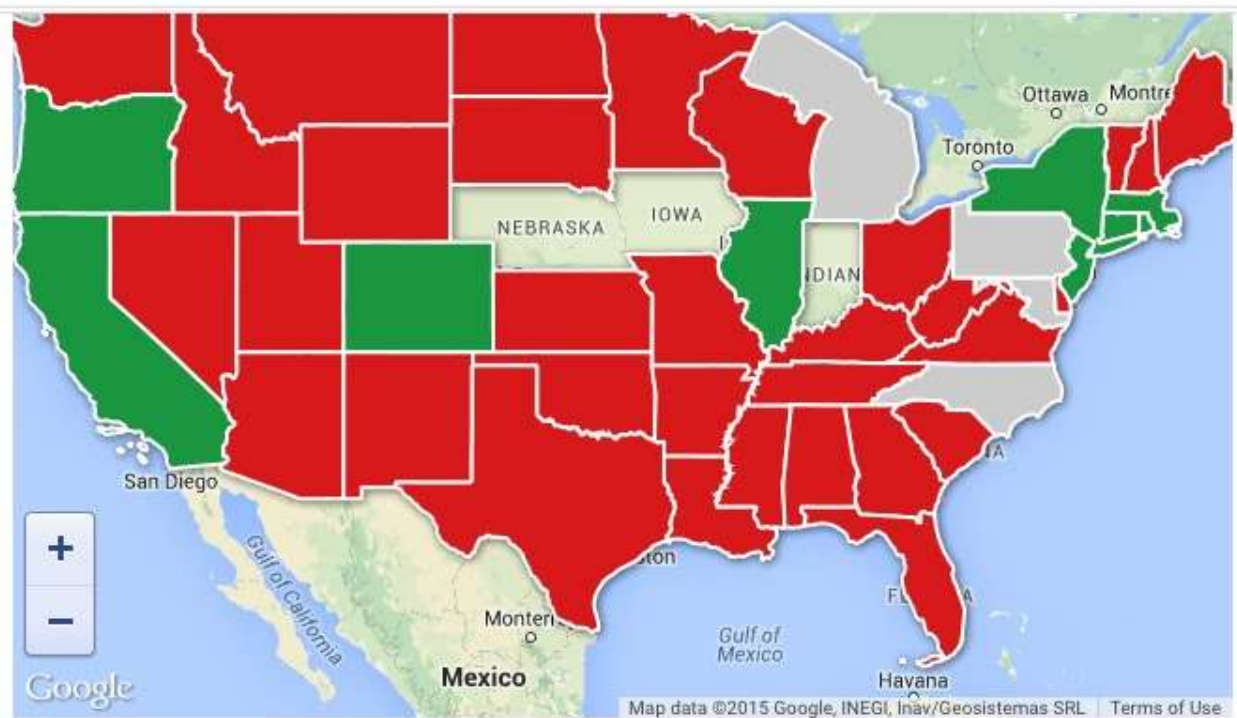
February 4, 2015 revised

Present: Anne Marinello, Akankha Perkins, Wendy Smith

Review of topics

1. Bob Williams told us of how a bill may be introduced requiring background checks for private and flea market gun sales. It is a loophole that does not require a federal background check. Since then it has been disappointing that Governor Shumlin has stated he does not support this bill. The next hearing is Feb 9 at 5:30 at the state house in Montpelier.

- A. What can we do to support? Could Bob loop us in, email Anne Marinello on this issue?
- B. Wendy discovered she could get on Facebook for Gunsense Vermont to keep us apprised.
- C. Offer our support to Gunsense Vermont through Bob on an ongoing basis
- D. How does this issue vary state by state? The question was posed and this is the map:



Source: Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Please zoom out to view Alaska and Hawaii

Laws for Background Checks at Gun Shows

- Not required
- Required for handgun sales
- Required for all purchases

2. Creating Common Good conference on economic equality webcast at St. James happened the last full weekend in January. Akankha was able to attend one segment and liked it. The Reverend Norman MacLeod from St. James noted that it seems like there is energy for continued discussion, and this could be area-wide.

3. Our committee's link to the activities of global warming pizza spin off group rests with Jackie and Linda. Is there a way we can stay in touch with this group and its actions? Wendy will, check in with Jackie about communication. Anne would encourage us to invite Zack Ralph to talk with us about his work on solarization. He'd probably not be interested in doing a reflection on solarize Vermont...but maybe a brief statement at some service - or our coffee hour. Anne knows him, and he works with Sustainable Woodstock too.

4. Board retreat February 9. Climate change is on the agenda. Jackie mentioned in our January meeting that the UUA site is rich in information on climate change. Wendy will look at site and prepare a package for Anne for that meeting and also for the rest of us to have for reference.

5. Last meeting we planned on having a referendum for input for the committee from the chapel's congregation. Anne offered to moderate. Wendy stated she would ask Richard. Anne asked Akankha and Wendy if they were interested in moderating and both deferred. We are interested as to scope that others would like us to focus upon. Wendy will scribe. It will be March 1 or Feb 22 after coffee hour in the social hall. We will set up chairs in a circle. Current issues are *food justice *gun sense *climate change, chapel's mandate and the "green" pizza initiative *community care and social justice

Respectfully submitted
Wendy Smith