

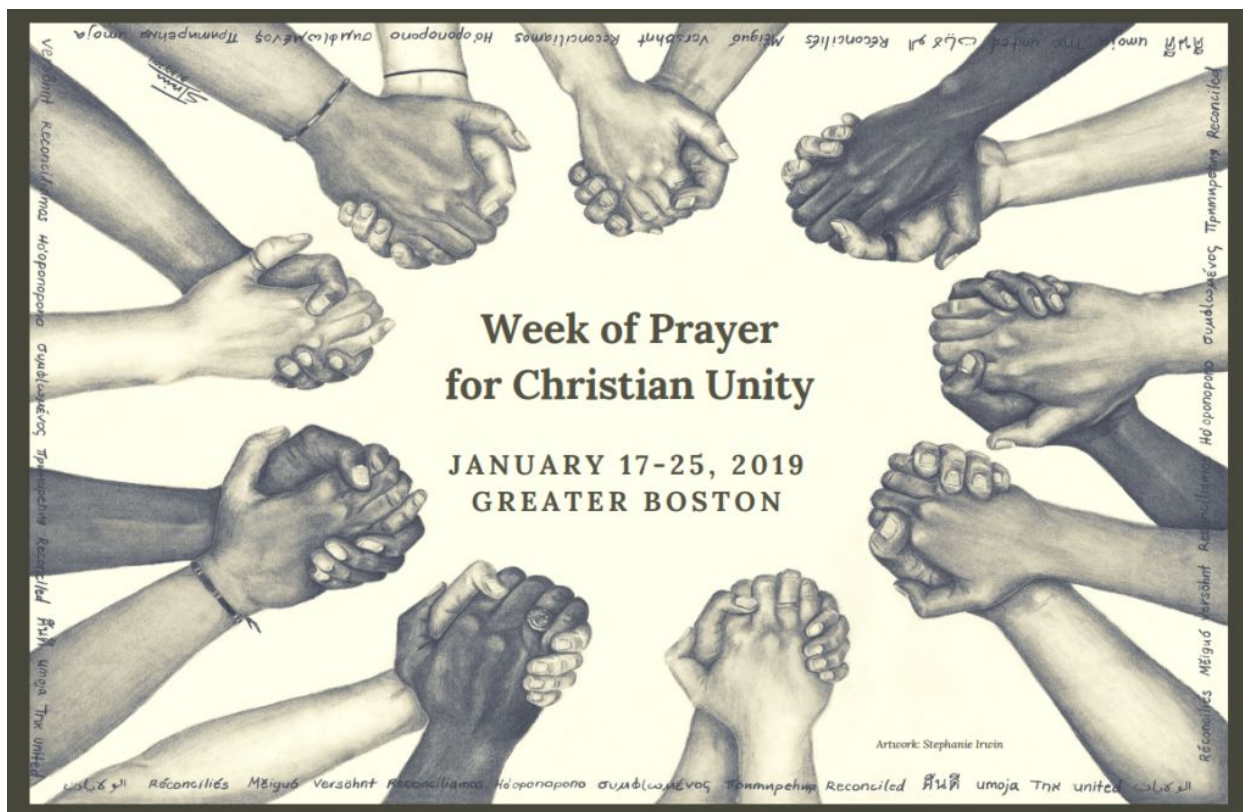
January 9, 2019

Dear Fellow Pastors and Leaders,

I want to invite you to participate in Boston's [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#), which is celebrated by Christians of all denominations and traditions throughout the world. Jesus prayed "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21) and this week is centered around remembering this prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the past two years, the [Institute for Christian Unity](#) and UniteBoston have partnered together to host Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gatherings. In 2017, we coordinated nightly liturgically-oriented prayer and worship gatherings and a [large worship service on January 21st](#) in alignment with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, that had 8 co-sponsoring pastors and was attended by over 800 people. In 2018, we focused on fellowship across our congregations by hosting 8 dinners in different neighborhoods in alignment with the launch of UniteBoston's [neighborhood dinner initiative](#).

2019 Gatherings



In 2019, the theme is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue," (Deuteronomy 16:20), which was chosen by Christians in Indonesia. We are coordinating a combination of worship services and neighborhood

dinners. The gatherings will focus attention on how we can contribute to acts of unity, justice and mercy in our personal lives and within our communities. Attending the worship services is a great way to experience the rich diverse forms of Christian worship that take place in our city. The neighborhood dinners are hosted by our wonderful team of [dinner coordinators](#) and are an opportunity to foster local relational connections towards greater justice in our neighborhoods. The schedule for these gatherings is attached in this document, or is viewable at www.uniteboston.com/wpcu

In particular, I would like to invite you to participate in the neighborhood dinner in the location closest to you, as well as the **anchor worship service on Saturday January 19th at 7:00pm**. This worship service is hosted by a number of downtown congregations, including the Paulist Center, the Cathedral of St Paul, and the Church of the Covenant. We would like to take time to honor local clergy at this gathering, and the worship service will be followed with a time of fellowship and refreshments. We would be honored by your presence at this gathering; please email me to let me know if you are planning to attend.

We appreciate your help getting the word out to members of your congregation and other local clergy. I have Week of Prayer for Christian Unity postcards with this year's schedule that I can give to you for free, if that would be helpful for you. Simply email me and I will drop them off at your church. You can also include the enclosed schedule as a bulletin insert.

While there is much dividing the world, people commonly express at UniteBoston events that it is always good to come together and remember our common life found in Jesus Christ. In our coming together, we recognize the gifts that each community contributes to the larger Body of Christ and are strengthened in our public witness of Christ's reconciling work. I hope to see you around the city at some of the gatherings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Fassett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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P.S. We just finalized our annual report from 2018! If you haven't seen it yet, you can view it at www.uniteboston.com/impact



2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Schedule

Thursday January 17 at 7pm – North Shore Neighborhood Dinner

Hosted by Peggy Hothem from Our Savior Lutheran Church, RSVP by emailing phothem@verizon.net

Friday January 18 at 7pm – “The Art of Hope: Creation” Event

Local art, music, film and more at Hope Fellowship Church, 16 Beech St, Cambridge

Saturday January 19 at 10am – Watertown Neighborhood Brunch

Hosted by Rebekah and Stephen Nyakairu from Grace Chapel Watertown – RSVP by emailing rebekah.nyakairu@gmail.com

Saturday January 19 at 7pm – Anchor Worship Service

Joint worship and prayer gathering hosted by downtown congregations at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St, Boston

Sunday January 20 at 8pm – Taize Prayer at the MIT Chapel

Contemplative song, Scripture, and fellowship at the MIT Chapel, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

Monday January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

We encourage you to participate in local service projects in your neighborhood. Check out www.uniteboston.com for a listing of these opportunities.

Tuesday January 22 at 7pm – Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Dinner

Hosted by Kate Devane Brown from Mosaic Boston – RSVP by emailing kdevanebrown@gmail.com

Wednesday January 23 at 7pm – Malden/Medford Neighborhood dinner

Hosted by Mambi Ashu and Rebekah Kerstetter – RSVP by emailing laurettaashu@gmail.com

Thursday January 24 at 7pm – Orthodox Vespers service

Located at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 514 Parker Street, Boston

Friday January 25 at 7pm – West Roxbury Neighborhood Dinner

Hosted by Sally Jackson from the Church of the Cross – RSVP by emailing jackson.sally.e@gmail.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer and Worship Service



“Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20)

Saturday January 19

7:00pm

Cathedral of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St, Boston



For a full listing of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity events,
visit www.uniteboston.com/wpcu