

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM **First Congregational Church of Stratford** **LOVE COMES FIRST**

Voting Rights are Civil Rights!

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RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM SPONSORS POSTCARD CAMPAIGN



The Racial Justice Team has organized 15 volunteers, each to complete 20 postcards, addressed to people of color, encouraging them to vote in the coming election. Addresses are obtained from the national organization, *Reclaim Our Vote*. Our Reclaim effort seeks to (1) Register more voters, (2) Educate more voters on their rights, and (3) Motivate more voters to get out to the polls to protect our democracy.

The Team is deeply thankful to the fifteen volunteers for their time and talent in completing these 300 cards and for furthering democracy, voting rights and racial justice.

**It is my hope and prayer that you will also join us in the next mailing.
Please contact me to volunteer or if you have any questions.**

Reclaim Our Vote postcard project came to our attention by Walter Dunbar. I asked Walter a few questions about this project.

How did you hear about Reclaim Our Vote? - My daughter, Kyle, was a volunteer in a postcard project at her church in Virginia.

Why did you feel compelled to volunteer for Reclaim Our Vote? - Many of us feel the need to do something to prevent bias in voting procedures but don't know what to do. The postcard project is a practical and concrete way to accomplish this task.

What is your hope for voters rights in the United States? - Systemic racism exists in so many venues including voting procedures. My hope is that through this postcard project and the hundreds of other similar campaigns across the nation, the issues of voting discrimination will be addressed and corrected. ALL voters should be treated with respect and dignity.