Dear Members and Friends,

Hope to see you at our first dinner, open exclusively to First Parish congregants, on March 9th. Mouna Anderson will be no alcohol served and as you know, First Parish is nut-free. Food served will be permissible according to Islamic law. In addition, there will be a donation jar for LexRAP, the local refugee advocacy organization.

At the same time, Rev. Anne Mason reached out to share her idea for a refugee restaurant and collaboration with LexRAP. At their "Jams for Justice" concert in November, the church raised $30,000. These dinners will provide an opportunity to buy a ticket for the dinner.

The refugee moms will be able to share their stories and discussions, and there will be food served by refugee women who are supported by LexRAP. Coordination with LexRAP, First Parish will be hosting a series of dinners, monthly community dinners. What a great opportunity this is. The refugee moms will be able to share their stories and discussions, and there will be food served by refugee women who are supported by LexRAP.

In addition, the First Parish Picture Directory Project is underway. Contact Michelle Ciccolo to submit your photo. The Members and Friends Committee is not finished taking photos for the directory. If you have photos you'd like to submit, please send them to the email address below. Individual photos will be taken that day. As an option, if you have a smart phone, bring it with you to have your photo taken on site.

In other news, the museum purchased and began the restoration of the African Meeting House. Roxbury historian Rep. Byron Rushing will join us to talk about the movement of the black church in Boston. At the same time, Rev. Anne Mason reached out to share her idea for a refugee restaurant and collaboration with LexRAP. At their "Jams for Justice" concert in November, the church raised $30,000. These dinners will provide an opportunity to buy a ticket for the dinner.

It's time to start planning publicity for Spring 2019. Don't be left out of the directory! Send us your photos now or come to the Common Room on Monday, February 24th to have your photo taken. If you have a smart phone, bring it with you to have your photo taken on site.

Questions? Be in touch with Mary Luippold or Mike Dailey. Any help you can offer is much appreciated!

Thank you!