

One Island Family September 22, 2021 Weekly E-letter

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Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

All One Island Family activities and events at the Fellowship Hall can be viewed at the following link: [calendar](#)

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One Island Family OCTOBER 2021 FALL EVENTS

October 10 at 11 a.m. ONE ISLAND FAMILY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

In person with masks in our sanctuary for all current, past or future

One Island Family Board members. Let's get down to work on how to be the best UU congregation we can be when we open our doors for in-person events!

October 24-at 11 a.m. Small Group Ministry discussion group by Zoom After good response to our September SGM conversation, we offer another guided discussion for deep listening on the topic of our UU First Principle: "Inherent Worth and Dignity".

With all the uncertainty of COVID, we now expect to resume our regular schedule of One Island Family Sunday events in November. We may offer some events on Zoom and some in our sanctuary with masks and whatever protocol will be needed for the COVID rate at that time. (We will review the science provided by sources such as [COVIDActNow.org](https://www.covidactnow.org), covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker and floridahealthcovid19.gov.) Watch for our weekly e-newsletter for details.



Our One Island Family social justice team invites all our members and friends to stand up for passage of the Equality Act. We ask you to call TODAY as soon as you read this newsletter note!

We are joining a coalition of national organizations including the UUA, during the month of October to call our representatives in the U.S. Senate to urge passage of the Equality Act.

It has passed the House and is supported by President Biden, but needs to now be approved by the Senate. Our elected officials need to hear from us!

About the Equality Act:

29 states still have no explicit protections for LGBTQ+ people. There are no federal civil rights protections based on sex discrimination in public accommodations.

This Act provides explicit, comprehensive, federal protection from discrimination for LGBTQ+ people in education, housing, public accommodations & services, credit/finance, jury service, education, federally funded programs and more.

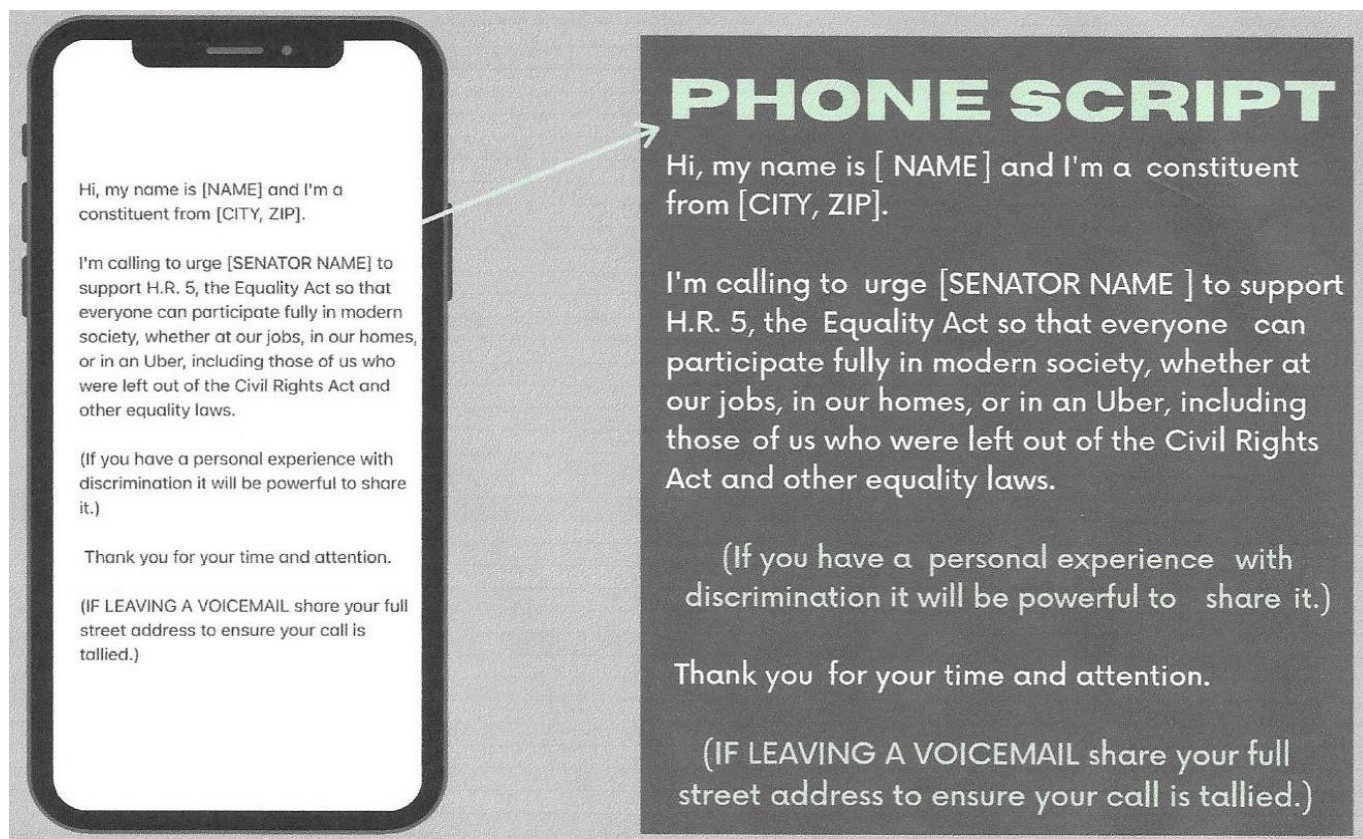
It also modernizes our civil rights laws by expanding public accommodations protections for women, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, people of faith (especially minority faiths) and people of different national origins.

If possible, we ask you to call during the work day M-F to make it more likely to reach someone during working hours. The number of calls received on any issue matters!

If you are registered to vote in Florida, please call our Florida Senators:

Senator Rick Scott (202) 224-5274 and Senator Marco Rubio (202) 224-3041

Here's a suggested script:



PHONE SCRIPT

Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from [CITY, ZIP].

I'm calling to urge [SENATOR NAME] to support H.R. 5, the Equality Act so that everyone can participate fully in modern society, whether at our jobs, in our homes, or in an Uber, including those of us who were left out of the Civil Rights Act and other equality laws.

(If you have a personal experience with discrimination it will be powerful to share it.)

Thank you for your time and attention.

(IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL share your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.)

We should also contact **Senator Chuck Schumer (202) 224-6542** to urge him to bring this bill to the Senate floor.

If you are registered in another state, you can easily be connected to your senator's office by calling this number **888-439-0303** from Equality Florida.

See also EqualityTime.org/Action.

Thank you for supporting this important social justice action!

Liz Levi and the One Island Family Social Justice Team

Marilyn Smith, One Island Family Board President 2021.