



Justice News, Events and Action Alerts Update

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JUJustice Washington Organizational News

◆◆◆ **JUJustice Washington supports kids' climate law suit.** The JUJustice Washington Board of Directors has voted to become signatories on an interfaith amicus brief to be filed on behalf of the youth in *Aji P. v. State of Washington*. This case has been brought by Washington youth to demand the State take action on climate change and to treat climate change as an issue that belongs within the Public Trust. It was dismissed by the lower courts and is now going through the appeals process and will be filed in either the WA Supreme Court or in the WA Court of Appeals (if the WA Supreme Court declines to hear the case). We will be encouraging and working with WA UU congregations to prepare for and join future briefs in this case. More information can be found at [Our Children's Trust](#).

In similar news, *Juliana v. US* is being heard on June 4th before the Ninth Circuit (Federal) Court of Appeals in Portland, Oregon on June 4th, 2019. In this case, Levi Draheim, an eleven year old UU from Florida, is a plaintiff. "Their complaint asserts that, through the government's affirmative actions that cause climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources." Our Children's Trust is calling for people to organize events locally and encourages you to mobilize on the day of this hearing. [More](#)

See the Climate Justice Act Team section below for more details on UUMFE's PNW speaking tour that will include Levi Draheim, Aly Tharp (UUMFE) and Leonard Higgins (valve turner UU out of Portland).

◆◆◆ **Save the date for our Fall Justice Summit, October 20th in Olympia WA.** [More](#)

UUA News

◆◆◆ **We'll see you at GA. June 19-23, Spokane WA** [More](#)

News from Our Action Teams

First/American Indian Nations Solidarity (FAIN) Action Team [Fain Calendar](#)

◆◆◆ **The Tokitae Totem Pole is returning home to the Lummi Nation and the Pacific Northwest.**

Tokitae, herself, is not. Even though the Miami Se Aquarium will not release her to come home, the Tokitae Totem Pole will return, carrying her Spirit with it. The Tokitae Totem Pole, on its trip home, will be stopping in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Bellingham. Please attend and gather together to welcome the Tokitae Totem Pole home and show your support not just for Tokitae, but for the health and welfare for her Southern Resident families and the Salish Sea they call home.



See the Tokitae Totem Pole Homecoming Journey Schedule [here](#).

◆**Truth and Reconciliation**

On May 19, 2019, the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (BUF) passed a Truth and Reconciliation resolution at its Congregational Meeting. FAIN will be moving to get other UU congregations to do the same, especially those in the State of Washington. [The resolution can be found here](#).

Climate Justice Action Team [Climate Justice Calendar](#)

◆◆◆ **Transitioning to an Ecological Civilization with Guest Speaker Dr. David Korten, June 7, Kirkland.** David will share about how our collective cultural stories are shifting to make way for the transition to an Ecological Civilization. Through systems of governance, economics, culture and religion, we can bring people and planet into balance, nurture innovation and creative expression. Presentation with discussion. No cost or RSVP. All are welcome! [More](#)

◆◆◆ **Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE) is on a speaking and fundraising tour to UU communities throughout Oregon and Washington,** featuring three special guests: Levi Draheim, Aly Tharp, and Leonard Higgins Levi, Aly, and Leonard will facilitate a series of lively evening and afternoon events from June 11-18th --- sharing stories, reflections, details about their work, and calls to action. [More](#)

◆◆◆ **Connect with UU Ministry for Earth at These GA Climate Justice Events, June 20-23, Spokane WA THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

1:30-2:30 pm – Community Arts & Embodied Prayer for Ecological Justice: Offered by UU Ministry for Earth & Church of Our Common Home

4:30-5:30 pm – Mobilizing for Climate & Environmental Justice: Offered by the UU Coalition to Create Climate Justice

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

12 – 1:30 pm – Poster Session: Organize & Create Climate Justice

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

1:30 – 2:30 pm – Who Are We? The 2020 Challenge: Organized by The 2020 Taskforce [More](#)

Intersection of Climate Justice and First Nations



◆◆ **Check out this Environmental Justice Practitioners' webinar.** Dina Gilio-Whitaker spoke about recently-released Beacon Press book, [As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock](#). This book provides the history of Native peoples' resistance to environmental injustice and is a call for environmentalists to learn from the Indigenous community's rich history of activism. [More](#)

Legislative Advocacy [Legislative Advocacy Calendar](#)

◆ **Review of the 2019 Legislative Session.** Faith Action Network reports that your advocacy and support throughout the 2019 session made significant, tangible changes for our neighbors in Washington state – with the most bills and budget items in decades to affect social change in a positive and equitable way. [More](#)

Economic Justice Action Team [Economic Justice Calendar](#)

◆◆◆ **Conversation as part of the WA Poor People's Campaign Truth & Poverty Tour. June 1, Edmonds WA**

Learn about the national priorities and demands of the Poor People's Campaign and updates on WA state's strategy. Leave with clear steps on how to make changes in your community. [More.](#)

◆◆◆ **Workshop: Homelessness in our Community, June 11, Bothell WA** Learn what it means to be living homeless. Come away with an increased understanding and useful tools in any situation. RSVP is appreciated but not required. [More](#)

Refuge, Immigrant and Migrant Solidarity (RIMS) Action Team [RIMS Calendar](#)

♦ Victory for Immigrant Rights: Keep Washington Working Act to be signed into law

The Keep Washington Working Act (Senate Bill 5497) enhances public safety and promotes fairness to immigrants and protects the privacy and civil rights of all Washington residents. This new law prohibits local law enforcement from routinely questioning individuals about immigration status, notifying ICE that a non-citizen is in custody, and detaining someone for civil immigration enforcement.



[Read more here.](#)

Criminal Justice Reform Action Team

♦♦ **Reforming Debtors Prison in Washington State makes sense (and dollars!)** On a given day in Washington State, up to 50% of the people in county jail are there because they are poor. Cash bail enforces a guilty until proven innocent structure on the poor. It does not have to be this way. JUJustice Washington supported bail reform in the 2019 legislature, but we were not successful at passing the bills. This issue may stand a better chance in the 2020 if we ask our legislators to pay attention to common sense solutions. [More](#)

Racial Justice Action Team [Racial Justice Calendar](#)

♦♦ **Planning Meeting: Snohomish County Racial Justice Collaboration Summit, June 8, Edmonds WA** Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation has been working with the Communities of Color Coalition to plan a fall summit for racial justice organizers in Snohomish County. The main goal of the summit would be to provide training and planning for collaborations between organizations to grow their capacity to create change in the community. Congregations in Snohomish County are encouraged to send 3 representatives to join the planning efforts. [More](#)

♦♦ **Flash Stance: Black Lives Matter, June 9, Issaquah WA** Join fellow UU activists and others in trying to get a conversation started by people that see us about the marginalization of people of color here and across America. [More](#)



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) [EDI Calendar](#)

◆◆◆◆ A member in Shoreline forwarded this motivational way to learn more about Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Online

[21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge](#)

Information includes resources and a graph for keeping track of your progress.

Featured Film June 14th, Woodinville WA

◆ **Starving the Beast** documents a philosophical shift that seeks to reframe public higher education as a “value proposition” to be borne by the beneficiary of a college degree rather than as a “public good” for society. Financial winners and losers emerge in a struggle poised to profoundly change public higher education. Free. [More](#)

For other Movies for Justice, please check out the JUJustice Washington [calendar](#) or the [Meaningful Movies® Website](#)

Featured Rally and Walk, June 7th, Seattle WA

◆◆◆ Rally and Walk to End Gun Violence. Family friendly event to honor those affected by gun violence by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. [More about the rally.](#) [More about the walk.](#)

For this and other scheduled protests, vigils, flash stances and rallies, please check out the JUJustice Washington [calendar](#)

Wellness for Justice Activists

Inspiration for your justice work: "With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope." Martin Luther King, Jr. [More](#)