



Justice News, Events and Action Alerts Update

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JUJustice Washington Organizational News

JUJustice Washington wrapped up a successful spring fund drive in early June that garnered over \$1,700. Thank you for your generosity, all who supported us. If you missed your chance and still want to contribute, [here is the link](#).

Are you active in planning and/or taking part in justice events? **Would you like to contribute to the News Update, the JUJustice Washington website or calendar?** Contact Sharon at office@juustwa.org and ask to be added to our Action Team. You will be notified about publication deadlines and given guidance about what information we need.

Plans are well underway for JUJustice Washington's Fall Summit, October 12th in Olympia. This year's theme will be **Navigating Intersectionality**. Different from our usual action team sessions, we are planning intersectional sessions where people from different justice areas can work on shared planning, based on a confluence of issues for greater impact. If you have ideas for specific combinations you have already worked with or wish you could work with, please [let us know](#). Look for more links for how to register and for congregational sponsorship opportunities in the August News Update. Don't know what the Summit is? [More here](#).

UUA News

This year's General Assembly met in June in Spokane, Washington. **While this GA, themed the "Power of We," contained all of the usual inspiring elements, the feel of this GA was palpably different.** New, younger and more diverse leadership at the helm of the UUA (and fewer hours in plenary business meetings) allowed centering on deeper discussion of what we want in the future of Unitarian Universalism. [More from JUJustice Washington board member John Hilke](#).



News from Our Action Teams

Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Solidarity (RIMS) Action Team

[RIMS Calendar](#)

◆ **States Offering Driver’s Licenses to Immigrants.** Twelve states and the District of Columbia enacted laws to allow unauthorized immigrants to obtain a driver’s licenses. These states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Vermont and Washington—issue a license if an applicant provides certain documentation, such as a foreign birth certificate, a foreign passport, or a consular card and evidence of current residency in the state. Washington State’s law has been in effect since 1993. [Read more here.](#)

◆◆ **The Dream Act, DACA, and Other Policies Designed to Protect Dreamers.** With the rescission of the Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) initiative, there has been renewed pressure on Congress to pass federal legislation known as the Dream Act to protect young immigrants who are vulnerable to deportation. This fact sheet provides an overview of the Dream Act and other similar legislative proposals, explains changes made to DACA on March 13, 2019, and provides information about policies at the state level that support Dreamers. [Read more here.](#)

First/American Indian Nations Solidarity (FAIN) Action Team

[FAIN Calendar](#)

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◆◆◆ **Lummi Nation Launches Salish Sea Campaign.** On June 15th, during the Seattle Tokitae Totem Pole Journey Homecoming event, Lummi Nation called for “communities of the Salish Sea to stand together in protecting *qwe ‘lhol mechen*(resident orcas) from extinction . . . This is a vision of resilience, truth, belonging, and healing for *qwe ‘lhol mechen*,” said Lummi Nation Chairman Jay Julius. “This is a battle for the soul of *Xwullemy*, the Salish Sea.” Stand ready to rally the troops to support our PNW Tribes/Nations in this Campaign. [Read and watch for more here.](#)

◆◆◆ Paddle to Lummi officially calls for Volunteers for this year's Tribal Canoe Journey. July We're still looking for donations! There is a place online to volunteer for specific tasks and duties and Olympia UU is continuing to sell blankets from its "Lummi Blanket Project."

[Read more here](#) to get connected to 2019 Paddle to Lummi!



Legislative Advocacy [Legislative Advocacy Calendar](#)

◆◆ **July 2, Seattle** Fix Democracy First and the League of Women Voters of Washington and are happy to co-host [VOTE for US](#) - Reception & Book Reading with [author Joshua Douglas](#), an expert on US election law and advocacy. He will be discussing his new book, "Vote for Us: How to Take Back Our Elections and Change the Future of Voting." [More](#)



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

◆ **July 10, 12-1:30pm** The Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness holds monthly meetings from noon-1:30pm every **SECOND** Wednesday, at University Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 16th Ave. NE., Seattle, in the first floor chapel. [More](#)

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

◆◆ **July 12, 13, Port Townsend WA** People of Color Caucus is conducting a highly experiential 2-day workshop for People of Color to explore how we can better support each other and thrive in the face of the white supremacy that surrounds us. Featuring Theatre of the Oppressed and other interactive approaches. [More](#)

◆◆ Author Ta-Nehisi Coates spoke before Congress June 19th, in a **historic session that began to discuss what steps our nation could take toward restorative justice for our Black communities**, including the topic of reparations. Reparations is not a new idea—and for three decades, members of Congress have introduced H.R.40, a bill to establish a commission that would study reparations. But only once before, in 2007, has Congress even held a hearing on the bill. [More](#)

◆◆◆ Starting with the premise “the Green New Deal manifests key UU values — both “the interdependent web” and “justice, equity, and compassion”— the UUA passed an Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) on June 22, 2019 at the General Assembly in Spokane, Washington. [More](#)



◆◆◆ **July 13, Seattle WA** Join Community Alliance for Global Justice for their Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere (SLEE) Dinner. Keynote speaker Doria Robinson, Executive Director of Urban Tilth, will highlight the role of food sovereignty and agroecology in leading us to a Just Transition to address the climate crisis. [More](#)

Featured Film, *Artifishal*, July 8, Port Townsend WA

◆◆ Join Meaningful Movies® Port Townsend for the brand-new documentary *Artifishal*, which explores the high cost – ecological, financial and cultural – of our mistaken belief that engineered solutions can make up for habitat destruction. [More](#)

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

Featured Flash Stance, Black Lives Matter, July 28th, Kirkland WA

◆◆◆ Join UU activists and others in a stand against the marginalization of people of color in our area and across the nation. We stand to get those that see us talking about this taboo subject later in their day with those they encounter. Meet on the NW corner of Peter Kirk Park, 3rd and Central, Kirkland WA from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

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

Wellness for Justice Activists (tips/inspiration)

