



Justice News, Events and Action Alerts Update

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JUJustice Washington Organizational News

◆◆ Time is short to sign up for the Justice Summit, October 12th in Olympia.



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Time is running out! Online registration closes Oct. 5th; childcare registration closes Sept. 30.

Pre-Event, Oct. 11, Pizza and Film: *As Long as Rivers Run*

Day of Summit, Oct. 12: Set yourself on fire for the new justice year. First plenary speakers **Rev. Dianna Vandiver and Ruth Idakula** lead a playful yet serious exploration of our own and each others' intersectionality. **Juan Aleniz**, Manager, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Employee Resources Division Washington State Health Care Authority and Chairman of the Washington Latino Leadership Network will be our keynote speaker. From working row crops on farms in Texas, to working with the leadership team at the Washington State Health Care Authority, Juan will share a few stories of the many intersections he has experienced, where the “rubber meets the road.” [See detailed program here](#)

UU Speaker Availability

◆◆ **Reverend Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow are available to Speak in Western Washington, Oct. to mid-Feb.** Dowd and Barlow, popular speakers among UU congregations across the U.S., weave science and religion together into a coherent thought. Grounded in an ecological interpretation of Big History, their program centers on fidelity to the future and how to stay sane, sober, and inspired to act locally and become ever more resilient in chaotic and contracting times.

Environmental activist, **Joe Brewer**, is in the northwest during the same time period. Joe is **Executive Director for the Center for Applied Cultural Evolution** and a bestselling eco-theologian and pro-science, pro-future ‘evangelist’ whose work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Discover*, and on television nationally. Michael and Joe know each other well, and are very much in sync. Michael is very flexible, and open to having Joe co-present.

There are still opportunities to engage these speakers. [More](#)

News from Our Action Teams

Climate Justice Action Team

[Climate Justice Calendar](#)

◆◆ **The climate strikes of September 20, 2019 involved millions of people all over the world: at least 900 strikes in the U.S. and more than a dozen in Washington State.** In Seattle, the largest strike in Washington involved more than 5000, including 2000 from Amazon who converged with those coming from Capitol Hill to city hall. Signs carried by marchers included “Our Children’s Future,” “If you don’t act like adults We will,” “Act now or swim later,” and “Not the hot girl summer I had in mind,” based on an internet meme. Speakers at city hall emphasized the urgency of the crisis and called for zero emissions by 2030. Just prior to the strike, CEO Jeff Bezos of Amazon said that the company would try to reach zero net emissions by 2040 but his employees demanded faster action.



A number of UU’s participated in the strike, including thirty from University Unitarian Church, along with the senior minister, Jon Luopa, and assistant minister, Beth Chronister. Other churches in the Seattle area were well represented, and UU’s throughout Washington State joined strikes in their areas. [More](#)

◆ **"SAY NO!" to a climate disaster: a proposal for the world's largest fracked-gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama, Washington.** A subsidiary of the Chinese Academy of Sciences called Northwest Innovation Works proposes building two of the world's largest fracked-gas-to-methanol refineries in Kalama, Washington and Port Westward, Oregon. Methanol is a chemical used to make plastic or burned as a fuel. A single refinery could consume 320 million cubic feet of fracked gas per day, more than all other industrial uses in the State of Washington combined. [Learn more](#) and [SAY NO!](#)

◆ **Monthly UU Climate Action Roundtable: October 9:5:00 – 6:00pm, Online.** The monthly Roundtable is an opportunity for Unitarian Universalist CATs, activists, and friends to come together online or by phone for conversation about spiritual resources, current events, stories, questions and struggles, and calls for action and solidarity towards climate justice. Monthly on the second Wednesday. [More](#)

Refuge, Immigrant and Migrant Solidarity (RIMS) Action Team

[RIMS Calendar](#)

◆ **Becoming American Documentary Films and Discussion - Series on Immigration, October, Shoreline.** – Oct.3, *Welcome to Shelbyville*, Oct. 17, *The Nigerians*, Oct. 24, *My American Girls: A Dominican Story*. All films will be followed by a facilitated discussion led by Dr. Wilson Reed. Plus, Oct. 10 - *From Mexican to Mexican-American: A Family Immigration Story*. See RIMS calendar above for further information.

◆◆ The Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship provides **detainee visitor support at the Northwest Detention Center** every second Saturday of the month. The timing has changed to 9:00 AM until Noon. Vashon Island UUF has been doing this since 2011. [More](#)

◆ **Hector Barajas Served in the American Military. He Was Deported Just the Same.** No one knows how many veterans have been deported, least of all the government, which has never taken a full accounting. Barajas helped change that. The 42-year-old's improbable journey, from decorated military veteran to deportee and eventual U.S. citizen, has raised important questions about what makes a citizen and what is owed to those who have served and are deported just the same. [Read more here.](#)

◆ **UU member and activist honored!** On September 12, 2019, a member of the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, Immigration/Farmworker activist and Executive Director of Community to Community Rosalinda Guillen received RE Sources Environmental Hero award.



BURLINGTON, WA - 25JULY13 - Migrant farm workers on strike against Sakuma Farms, a large berry grower in northern Washington State, in the labor camp where they live during the picking season. Rosalinda Guillen, director of Community2Community, an advocacy organization for farm workers and the strike's main supporter, talks with the strikers. Copyright David Bacon

Rosalinda Guillén

Farmworker justice leader and food system activist. Among many other things, Rosalinda Guillén is a widely recognized farmworker justice leader working to promote food sovereignty, immigration reform, and farmworker rights in Northwest Washington. As the founding executive director of [Community to Community Development \(C2C\)](#), a grassroots organization led by women of color, she and her team work to strengthen local and global movements toward social and environmental justice, amplifying the voices of farmworkers on immigration issues, labor rights, and trade agreements. She also works to strengthen cross-border alliances for immigration reform and fair agricultural policies.

[Read more here . . .](#)

First/American Indian Nations Solidarity (FAIN) Action Team

Fain Calendar

◆◆ **Support the Not Invisible Act.** Across the United States, over 5,700 indigenous women were [reported](#) missing in 2016 alone, with only 116 of those cases logged into the Department of Justice's (DOJ) missing persons database. This statistic is the tip of the iceberg of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) crisis.



But while seven states have [taken steps](#) to pass legislation to improve reporting mechanisms and data collection, and increase inter-agency collaboration, any such MMIW legislation has not passed on a federal level. No more! **Join in supporting the Not Invisible Act**, introduced by Reps. Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) (D-NM) and Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk) (D-KS) and others. [Read more here and sign the petition](#),

◆ **Court of appeal tells B.C. to reconsider Trans Mountain environmental conditions.** The B.C. Court of Appeal has instructed the province to reconsider its environmental assessment certificate and conditions issued for the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project. In their challenges, the Squamish Nation and the City of Vancouver argued the certificate should be quashed because it was based on a flawed report and approval from the National Energy Board that was later quashed by the Federal Court of Appeal. [Read more here.](#)

◆ **Skagit Valley College Annual Powwow** - October 5th, 2019. Dave DuVall Pavilion, 2405 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, WA. [More info here.](#)

◆ **Promised Land Film Screenings.** *Promised Land* is an award-winning social justice documentary that follows two tribes in the Pacific Northwest: the Duwamish and the Chinook, as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights they've long been denied. In following their story, the film examines a larger problem in the way that the government and society still looks at tribal sovereignty. If you missed the film before, there are more opportunities to see it - [See the schedule here.](#)

Legislative Advocacy

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◆◆◆ **Statewide Poverty Action Network announces three advocacy workshop series, beginning Oct. 5 in Olympia, Oct. 15 in Seattle, Oct. 29 in Tacoma.** The Communities in Action program is a series of three workshops that will focus on skills-building for people interested in advocacy, policy, community organizing, and social justice. Participants will leave with the tools, knowledge, and resources to enter the 2020 Legislative Session as anti-poverty and racial justice advocates for their own communities. [More](#)

Economic Justice Action Team

[Economic Justice Calendar](#)

◆◆ **Teaming UP! Affordable Housing Workshop, October 12, Bellevue WA.** The Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition invites you to sign up for this workshop focusing on Eastside faith community involvement, and the important partnerships with cities and developers that make it happen. [More](#)



◆◆ **5th Annual Equity and Engagement Conference Focuses on Homelessness and Poverty, Oct. 12, Shoreline WA.** Over 40,000 students do not have a place to call home in Washington State but that is only the tip of the iceberg. Recent research indicates that public schools are only able to identify and serve slightly more than half of all students and families experiencing homelessness. These students are particularly vulnerable but their needs often go unrecognized or ignored. Schools need trained adults to recognize the signs of homelessness, poverty, stigma, discrimination and who can communicate with families. With national speaker and generational poverty expert, Lynda Coates from Communications across Barriers in Portland, Oregon. [More](#)

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

[EDI Calendar](#)

◆◆◆ **Join us in observing Intersex Awareness Day, October 26.** Intersex Awareness Day is an [internationally observed awareness day](#) of grass-roots action designed to end shame, secrecy and unwanted genital cosmetic surgeries on intersex children. The day also provides an opportunity for reflection and political action. Between October 26 and November 8, [intersex organizations](#) bring attention to the challenges [intersex](#) individuals face, culminating in the Intersex Day of Remembrance, also sometimes known as Intersex Solidarity Day. [More](#)

Racial Justice Action Team

[Racial Justice Calendar](#)

◆ **The People's Institute Undoing Racism Workshop, Oct. 3-4, Lynnwood, WA.** An intensive workshop designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change. The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated. This workshop is for Snohomish County organizations. Look for other workshops in coming months. [More](#)

Featured Film *Dammed to Extinction*, October 14th, Port Townsend WA

◆ The film features the life's work of orca whale researcher Ken Balcomb and the beloved Puget Sound Southern Resident orca of which only 73 remain. The orcas' prize food is Snake River chinook salmon — but those salmon are on the precipice of extinction due to four obsolete dams that choke off access to thousands of miles of rivers. "Dammed to Extinction" shows how removing these dams will save money, salmon, and orca. [More](#)

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

Black Lives Matter Flash Stances Organized by East Shore UU Occur Regularly Near You

◆◆ **Black Lives Matter Flash Stances** occur on the 1st Sundays of the month in Bellevue, 2nd Sundays in Issaquah, 4th Sundays in Kirkland and the rare fifth Sunday in Woodinville.

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

Wellness for Justice Activists (tips/inspiration)

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers