

Breakout Session: Criminal and Civil Justice Systems

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1. Review of agenda

2. Interests present in session (from attendees):

Issues: bail, restorative justice, criminal justice reform, Kitsap co for human rights, policing and human rights, what can I do with criminal justice reform? Senior health issues and criminal justice, re-entrance issues, humanitarian issues around criminal justice, working together for change, Palestinian rights, poverty within the criminal systems, reform for mental health issues, 77 % cannot make bails. Rights within jail, rights after jail, driver's license with marking as criminals, keeping youth out of jail...working with schools and keeping youth out of jail. Racial justice. Cultural issues surrounding criminal justice. Challenging the issues. Julia Cochran's: Immigrant justice, NW detention center. Social action.

Intersectionality lens and what you do within your congregation.

1. Learnings: EPIC, meeting within the prison, relationships meeting vs agenda meeting...Faith Action Network. King County....75 % low level drug offenses...targeted youth from poorer areas...called out as white and approach from a white perspective. Young people of color didn't appreciate advocacy brought to them...we need to organize with people of color organizations...team child.
2. OUUC a good contact for support if you want involvement with hearings at the capitol.
3. things can unravel and factors, poverty, prison industrial complex impact ...intersectional conflicts...things can change, and organization available..
4. Quaker Voice helps with legal-financial needs, costs of defenders and misc. bills...
5. Work as corrections ombudsman (Ombs) to go into prison and work with incarcerated folks to find out what the needs might be. Helps smooth the release from prisons. Legislature support
6. problems associated with poverty and down the slippery slope.... push back coming from the debt collectors, so impacts the basic business. Inequalities with incarceration.
7. getting the perspectives of those who are in prison.... can they be released? Struggles of the systems...debt collectors fighting reforms.
8. for profit concessions increasing costs and profit is always in the background and legal slavery.
9. awareness advocacy in Woodinville (or Whidbey Island ?) by (JAA)..working on the inequalities of the incarcerated. What are those groups doing? Restorative

justice and looking at reforming the justice system. Until We Reckon...helpful on restorative Justice reform

10. witnessing whiteness...how to talk about race...white privileged...impact...Whidbey Island.
11. advertise outside of the community for conferences...select mailing list...justice equity. Shelly Tolchuk (speaker) finding those in their community who have an interest and experience.
12. Combatting roots of intersectionality: internal work book discussions...speakers of color, monthly meetings brought to our attention...recognition black families have a totally different experience than white families...relationships with them. Faith based group working with lots of different community groups...relationships by working...perceptions of racism.
13. Movement developing curriculum towards understanding diverse populations.
 - a. issues...feeling you are unique, but talking and getting together: school issues and curriculum issues facing teachers.
 - a. integrated **ethnic issues studies** in everything I you teach
 - b. counselors not cops...root causes and the support
 - c. replaces detention issues and more extreme consequences. Kids. With disabilities also impacted with too extreme disciplinary measures in school
 - d. hire and retain people of color
 - e. mandatory staff meetings
14. Socially responsible investing...not much communication right now, so need more communications with UUA and social interest groups. Divesting, shareholder involvement, need to focus on more social justice issues. Bring issue to general assembly...Improve communications.

15. Book and Study Suggestions:

- **Mistakes And miracles**...by Nancy Palmer & Karin
- **White Fragility** by Robin DAngelo.
- **28 day journaling Me & white supreme city** by [Leyla Saad](#)

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