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JUJustice Washington Organizational News



◆◆ **The 2019 Pacific Northwest Justice Summit "Navigating Intersectionality," at Olympia UU Congregation, served more than 100 faith leaders from 20 congregations.** Followup information is now available on our website, including notes from breakout sessions, summaries of plenary sessions, the text of Reverend Mary Gear's homily and comments from participants. If you were there, review important information. If you missed it, explore some of what we learned. [More](#)

UUA News

◆◆ The UUA's Organizing Strategy Team is cooking up a plan to support all of us as we #UUtheVote in 2020. UUs have deep history working for justice in the streets and on the ballot, and in partnership with people of all backgrounds as we fight for our democracy. This year, our values and our principles are more at stake than ever before and we're wanting to make sure we do all we can so that our friends, neighbors, cities, and towns #votelove. While some of it will be new, a lot of our work will be connecting to and supporting what so many of us are already doing. Based on that, would you take 5 minutes to fill out a survey to help the core team design what's going to be most useful and make the most impact this year? [Click here](#) to give us your input about #UUtheVote2020! Your input will make sure that we put our efforts in the best places with the right focus.

In faith and solidarity, The UUA Organizing Strategy Team

News from Our Action Teams

Climate Justice Action Team

[Climate Justice Calendar](#)



A farmer prepares for spring near a coal-burning power plant in Shanxi Province, China. (© Robb Kendrick/National Geographic)

◆ Climate crisis invites us to imagine regenerative economy (UU World).

I was sitting on a Sunday afternoon [waiting] for the start of the [Create Climate Justice](#) conference.... at times during the previous year I spent working at an environmental NGO I found myself paralyzed by despair over what humans are doing to our planet.

The same feeling was settling in as the presentation went on. The difference was that here the discussion didn't stop at emissions. We were talking about climate as part of the larger problem of capitalism, a system that relies not just on taking what we want from the earth without considering the consequences, but on exploiting our fellow humans as well. Coal mining, for example, harms both the bodies of the miners and the local environment, and the implications of its use ripple out to frontline communities and ecosystems around the globe. Economic exploitation and climate change are linked, and to make matters worse, marginalized communities will feel the effects much faster and more severely than those who benefit from their work. [Read more here.](#)

◆ **Fossil Fuels on Trial: Where the Major Climate Change Lawsuits Stand Today.** Over the past few years: Two states launched fraud investigations into Exxon over climate change, and one has followed with a lawsuit that went to trial in October 2019. Nine cities and counties, from New York to San Francisco, have sued major fossil fuel companies, seeking compensation for climate change damages. And determined children have filed lawsuits against the federal government and various state governments, claiming the governments have an obligation to safeguard the environment. [Read more here.](#)

◆ The next **Washington State UU Climate Action Roundtable** will be November 13, 7:00 p.m. An agenda will be sent to addressees on the climate list serv. If you are not a member of the listserv, please fill in the form on the right. Here are the details of the Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/287970416>, Phone +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID 287 970 416

◆◆ **The Sunrise Movement**, a national movement for young people organizing to combat climate change **is calling for another national climate strike on December 6th, 2019**. They want to make clear that they will vote against candidates who do not support the Green New Deal. [Find a local hub.](#) [More](#)

Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Solidarity (RIMS) Action Team

[RIMS Calendar](#)



Statement from a strike participant (Source: La Resistencia)

◆ **Judge Blocks Trump Administration ‘Public Charge’ Rule As a Result of AG Ferguson Lawsuit.** A federal judge in Eastern Washington today blocked Trump Administration from implementing its changes to the “public charge” rule nationwide while a lawsuit brought by Attorney General Bob Ferguson and a multistate coalition progresses. Judge Rosanna Malouf Peterson in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington in Spokane issued a nationwide preliminary injunction. In order to grant a preliminary injunction, the judge found that the states have a substantial likelihood of winning the case, and that if the changes go into effect, the states are likely to suffer irreparable harm. [Read more here.](#)

◆ **Hundreds of ICE detainees refusing to eat food provided at Tacoma detention center.** More than 200 detainees are refusing to eat food served to them at the Northwest ICE Processing Center on Tacoma’s Tideflats, according to an immigrant rights group. La Resistencia wrote in a press release Friday morning that detainees are participating in a hunger strike and “demanding eatable food, humane treatment by guards and the shutdown of the facility.” [Read more here.](#)

First/American Indian Nations Solidarity (FAIN) Action Team

[Fain Calendar](#)

◆ **Lummi and Yakama Nations Call for the Removal of the Columbia River Dams.** On October 14th, Indigenous Peoples Day, Lummi and Yakama Nations call for the removal of the Columbia River Dams. [Read more here.](#) This article speaks to the Doctrine of Discovery and presents a historical timeline of the construction of the dams. [Read more here.](#) [Video: Jay Julius Remove the Dams](#)

The Lummi Nation's Fight for 'Rights of the Orcas.' The members of the Lummi nation have vowed to bring her back to her home in the Salish Sea . . . with a larger goal this will bring back peace to the Salish Sea . . . In July 2019, the Lummi Nation announced an intent to sue the Seaquarium for a violation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), in order to elicit Tokitae's release. [Read more here.](#)



Cello Village Chief Olsen Meanus Jr. stands with elders during the Indigenous Peoples' Day press conference.
Emily Fitzgerald

◆ **National Native/American Indian Heritage Month - November.** November of each year is usually proclaimed as the month where we celebrate and recognize "the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers and settlers of the United States." Background information on the designation can be found [here](#). Everyone is encouraged, if not during any other time of year, during the month of November to find ways to honor our indigenous neighbors.

Legislative Advocacy [Legislative Advocacy Calendar](#)

◆◆ **VOTE! November 2019 Election Cycle.** Ballots are due in November 5th. For more information on the voting process, candidates and legislative items, see [WA State Elections Voter's Pamphlet](#).

◆◆ It is quiet right now in the Legislature, which makes it **the perfect time to reach out to our Representatives and Senators and let them know what is important** to us. Go here for suggestions for issues that have precedent and momentum, or to suggest other priorities. [More](#)

Economic Justice Action Team

[Economic Justice Calendar](#)

◆ **Poverty Simulation Workshop.** Thursday, November 7th, 6 pm-8 pm at the Sehome High School Commons (Bellingham). At the Foundation, we have the privilege of raising resources for each of our 22 local public schools to help every child feel healthy, engaged, supported and challenged to meet their unique potential. We see firsthand that students living in poverty face unique constraints that can make achieving their full potential more difficult. [Read more here.](#) Additional information on the curriculum can be found [here](#).

◆ **Patrick O'Connor, Director of Thurston County Public Defense, will discuss new developments in the Thurston County justice system.** Friday, November 8th, Olympia UU Congregation. These include bail reform as a part of a new risk-assessment tool for pretrial release; the First Look project that evaluates diversion potential for new arrestees; ICE arrests and the Keep Washington Working Act; and planning for an LFO Reconsideration Day. Sponsored by Justice not Jails. [More](#)



◆ **Change**

From Within: Diversifying the Environmental Movement. Addressing inequity and working toward environmental justice is essential to a successful environmental movement. Currently, there are significant disparities in the representation, content, and processes for implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within the environmental field across the Salish Sea and the Pacific Northwest Coast. Although professionals in this field are aware and concerned about issues related to DEI, there is an overall lack of understanding for how to integrate these concepts into the environmental workforce. Addressing inequity and working toward environmental justice is essential to a successful environmental movement. [More info here.](#)

◆ **State of Womxn of Color: The Future of Work Belong to Us.**



November 8, 2019 - 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Join The Riveter and Future for Us for The State of Womxn of Color Roadshow, an evening to tell audacious stories of womxn of color at work, accompanied by an overview of the data, insights and solutions. This collaboration provides a platform for rising and established womxn of color professionals to share their experiences and next step strategies as they build powerful communities to create a future for where womxn of color lead at the highest levels across all sectors. Hear from ACLU's Michele Storms, Fred Hutch's Raquel Sanchez, Skillspire's Yasmin Ali and others, about stories that shaped their careers and how we come together to shape our region's economic future with womxn of color at the center of the economic and innovation boom. [More](#)

◆ Nov. 9th in Seattle offers an opportunity to **hear from some amazing speakers, Ganesha Gold Buffalo, Maru Mora Villalpando, Patricia Allen, and youth organizer Emily Martin**, at the Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW) fundraiser. No one turned away for lack of funds. [More](#)

◆◆◆ **Uprooting Racism for White Folks, Feb. 1-2, Port Townsend WA** Join us for a highly experiential 2-day workshop exploring how European-Americans “White” people can be more effective on the journey towards eliminating racism, facilitated by Zhaleh Almaee and Marc Weinblatt. (Early registration discounted to Dec. 1.) [More](#)

Featured Film "Girl Rising," Nov.8, Woodinville WA

◆◆◆ From Academy Award nominee, director Richard E. Robbins, “Girl Rising” tells the engaging stories of nine unforgettable girls from around the globe, ordinary girls who struggle to overcome nearly impossible odds in pursuit of their dreams. [More](#)

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

Special Factoria Flash Stance, Sunday, Nov. 3rd, Factoria WA

◆◆◆ East Shore UU Congregation organizes an anti-racism flash stance on the first Sunday of each month. Sunday, November 3rd is a special flash stance. Yuko Kodama, KBCS FM 91.3 News & Public Affairs Director will be joining us in solidarity. Please help us make a big showing. Yuko has already interviewed Manny and Maury for a news piece. [More](#)

Another World is Possible WTO+20, Nov. 30, Seattle WA

◆◆◆ Uprisings like the 1999 World Trade Organization protest build collective power to transform the intersecting crises of our times into opportunities for equity, healing, and sustainability. Join the WTO+20 gathering for hands-on direct action training, arts workshops, story-telling, and opportunities to plug into local organizing! [More](#)

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

Wellness for Justice Activists (tips/inspiration)

Six ioby (in our backyards) racial justice leaders’ tips for beating burnout.

[Burnout can mean different things to different people](#), but broadly defined, it’s not just a string of bad days, being tired from working long hours, or realizing that your job isn’t the right fit for you. Burnout is often by marked by growing [cynicism, depression, and lethargy](#) that don’t let up, and by feelings of anxiety, irritability, or even guilt. Some activists experience physical consequences from burnout, too, like insomnia, bodily pain, or illness.

While burnout can happen to anyone who's devoted to their work, [research suggests](#) that social justice and other human rights workers are especially susceptible to it. Which makes sense, right? We can't describe why better than [activist Amanda Van Slyke](#):

"...the problem is, when our lives are based around inspiring others to create change... we feel guilty for slowing down and admitting that we need a break. And when we finally take that break because we're so fried that we can't go any further it forces us to ask the question: When you're the backbone who's working to lift everyone up, who's going to catch you?"

If that sounds familiar, let's stop talking about the problems and start talking about the solutions!

[Read more here.](#)