

Midweek Update

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

September 19, 2018

Update on the Community's Response to ICE Detentions

The families of the undocumented workers who were detained in the ICE raid last month have created an organization, "Raid Relief to Reunite Families" (RRRF). BUF and our partner, Community to Community, were instrumental in getting the affected families together to initiate this group, which is now running autonomously with ongoing support from organizations throughout the county.



BUF continues to receive gift cards and checks* to support the basic needs of these families who have been separated from their primary breadwinners. This week this fund received another \$4,400 from the members and friends of University Unitarian Church in Seattle, who took a collection for this purpose on a recent Sunday.

RRRF is now working to support approximately sixteen families (not all of the affected families are coming forth to be identified). The money and gift cards received are being put to use at the families' discretion for basic needs including food, housing, utilities, and transportation.

BUF is also facilitating the payment of attorney fees and bonds so that their family members may, in some cases, be released from detention. Anonymous donors, working through the Whatcom Community Foundation, have contributed many thousands of dollars for these purposes. BUF is coordinating payments for the families to attorneys and to the Department of Homeland Security.

Go here to learn more about the Whatcom Community Foundation's funds: www.whatcomcf.org/helping-donors-make-a-difference/immigrant-relief/

As a congregation we are making a real and immediate difference in the lives of these families — our neighbors. This work is possible because of your financial support to BUF. Equally important is your ongoing affirmation that our mission includes vital ministry such as this. BUF has, over the years, made institutional connections, and we have grown a reputation, such that our partners turn to us and trust us with this kind of sensitive work. Our congregation's reliability, generosity, and unity of purpose make it possible for us to act without unnecessary delay when quick action is vital.

Thank you for your many kinds of support. You should know that these families have had their lives turned upside down. In addition to basic needs and legal horrors, the families' schooling, childcare, medical treatments, et cetera, have been seriously disrupted. Of course the uncertainty about where their family member is, and whether or not he'll be able to come home — I can hardly imagine the distress this would create in my own immediate family.

So please be ready when we need to have people in strategic places to respond to other threats to immigrants in Whatcom County. Join BUF's Immigrant Rights Ministry Action Group, now — or get on their mailing list to be contacted when you can make a difference — via Mike Betz (mwbetz@comcast.net)

Seeking Peace, Justice, and Equality,

Rev. Paul

*made out to BUF, with "raid relief" noted on the memo line

Sunday Service, September 23, 10:30 am

Get the Hell Out! - Rev Peter Luton

Our Universalist grandparents were committed to getting Hell out of religion. They experienced Love as more powerful and attractive than fear and believed in Universal Salvation. From their faith sprouts the first principle in Unitarian Universalism: the inherent worth and dignity person.

BUF Goals- A Message From Board President Kara Black



In fall of 2017, the BUF Board decided in four 5-year goals. These have and will continue to guide the focus of our efforts in our leadership role with the congregation. These were presented at the spring 2018 congregational meeting. Last month, the Board, including newly elected members, reviewed, updated & revised these goals. We are presenting a summary of one of the four goals each week in the mid-week update. We ask that you take a few minutes to review and become familiar with each one. Each goal has an oversight team, which will publish regular updates through the year and collect feedback and input to bring to future goal reviews/revisions.

Thank you for all the care and dedication you give to our community,
Kara Black, Board President

From the leader of the Membership and Diversity Goal Team, Kara Black:

This goal had two purposes, though there was some overlap. First, we realized that there were many new folks coming to BUF without a consistently graceful and efficient way to integrate into the BUF community in whichever ways they would most prefer. Even members who have been coming awhile sometimes are not aware of what all the opportunities for participation might be and how to make connection with/become part of such opportunities. Second, though we acknowledged the great strides that have been made to include certain kinds of diversity among our membership, there were other areas where we wanted to make progress--so we called these out specifically in our goal. Age diversity might benefit from further explanation: we wanted to find ways to better include children in the center of what we do, increase inter-generational interaction and do better at creating a good place here for young adults. Welcoming diversity might include increasing our numbers in these areas, but it also might mean shifting our own culture and awareness at BUF, and creating better connections with diverse groups in the wider community.

The five objectives for this goal were Identified by the Board in Fall 2017, and are listed listed below with the top priority action steps determined. Actions and priorities were generated by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board with broad program representation.

GOAL: Be more welcoming of diversity (socio-cultural, economic, racial, age) and increase the engagement of BUF's membership

Objective #1: Increase the Number and Type of Activities

- Sunday morning “Spirit Jam”—alternative activities offered for a variety of learners/interests (in long term, pay RE teachers)
- Clearly communicated invitation/process to initiate activities including flow chart and instruction guide
- Festival for suggesting/recruiting new programming (include children)

Objective #2: Increase Participation in BUF’s Activities

- Emphasize Chalice Circles
- Include families/children in more activities
- Increase awareness/communication about activities
- Provide more child care
- Ministry include announcing children’s options from the pulpit each Sunday
- G&L clerical staffing needed to support the above two objective actions

Objective #3: Increase Practices of Inclusion

- Be welcoming with outside groups that use the space—allow them to relax and be themselves in the space in their own way. Standards flexible about clean/dirty—weigh welcome and multi-cultural relationships vs some logistical challenge (breakage, cleaning, noise).
- Design decision-making in sync with these goals and in collaboration with the relevant teams
- Artwork, objects and general aesthetic that represent diverse cultural groups
- Paid Membership Coordinator

Objective #4: Support Cross-Cultural Initiatives and Relationships

- Local Partner Congregations with demographics of our goal
- Deepening community relationship, as a Congregation, with civic organizations/activities

Objective #5: Increased Programming Related to Race, Culture and Economic Diversity

- Training for congregation in cultural racism/undoing racism/undoing white privilege by an outside trainer
- Dinners for Eight Include people of color in the community, perhaps via partner congregation relationships
- Signs at BUF also in Spanish

Search for Meaning By Expanding End of Life Choices

Phyllis Shacter, author, of “Choosing To Die,” will speak at our Sunday service on October 14th. The service will be followed at noon by a one hour workshop on end of life choices. Phyllis will share about how she and her husband found deep personal meaning in their lives as a result of his decision to Voluntarily Stop Eating and Drinking (VSED) while he was still mentally competent; he made this choice rather than live into the late stages of Alzheimer’s. Her book will be available after the presentation. The workshop will focus on the medical, legal and emotional support that is necessary when planning for a good end-of-life transition. You have more choices that you may realize. Bring your questions to this informative and heartfelt workshop.

Caring For Each Other: Living Our UU Principles

This year, ALL OF BUF is invited to focus on a specific theme each month, bringing us together to study, serve, grow and play with the issues and causes that we most care about. These themes were introduced to the congregation last Sunday by those coordinating each month's activities.

September - Our UU Principles

Exploring our UU principles and sources

October - Crossing Borders

Looking at what it means to leave home, realities of crossing political borders, reaching out to community members who have crossed borders, and border crossing as a metaphor in various contexts

Coordinator: Ann Lackland



November - Caring Locally

Putting our global perspectives into local action

Coordinator: Ann Stevenson

December – Holidays

Celebrating the season with a pageant, concerts, caroling and a Christmas Eve service.

Pageant Music Directors: Amy Van Auker, Annie Sorich

January - Welcome Table

Exploring race relations and cultural diversity in light of current affairs and our UU Principles and Sources

Coordinator: Hilde Bootstrap

February – Pilgrimage

Experiencing the transformative power of pilgrimage, with partners in Romania, India and beyond.

Coordinators: Lisa Moss and Jan Krouskop

March - Lhaq'temish

Nurturing and celebrating BUF's relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors

Coordinator: Beth Brownfield

April - The Web of Life

Loving the earth, and experiencing a life more in tune with the natural world

Coordinator: Barbara Davenport

May - Rainbow Connection

Lifting up the LGBTQ+ richness of humanity

Coordinators: Francie Gass and Cathy Campbell

June – Gratitude

Wrapping up the lessons of the year with gratefulness, and celebrating our relationships

Coordinator: Genia Allen-Schmid

From Whatcom Peace and Justice Center - September 21st!

Friends,

Beth Brownfield is this year's Howard Harris Lifetime Peacemaker. Beth is a lifelong activist and educator who has dedicated herself to working for understanding and social action around tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

While living in Minnesota, Beth was deeply involved with Unitarian Universalist (UU) solidarity work in the Dakotas, including marching and camping in the Black Hills during the American Indian Movement occupation at Wounded Knee. Since moving to Bellingham in 2004, she has played a significant supporting role in many tribal-led efforts such as the Paddle to Lummi Canoe Journey in 2007, and she took a leadership role in the Unitarian Universalist Association's repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery.

Beth encourages individuals, community organizations, and businesses to step forward to support Lummi Nation in hosting the Paddle to Lummi in 2019 (please visit their table during the info fair at International Day of Peace).

Please join the Whatcom Peace & Justice Center in recognizing Beth at International Day of Peace, 6 p.m. on Friday, September 21!

Also that evening, Afro-folk singer Naomi Wachira will take the stage, as will Lummi tribal member and writer Rena Priest. The organizing committee and members of our Board of Directors will share a few thoughts with you. A community dinner from 6-7 will coincide with an info fair featuring local peace and justice groups.

ASL interpretation will be provided, and free childcare will be available onsite. The venue is wheelchair accessible, with a ramp at the main entrance on North Forest Street. The side entrance on Maple will also be open this year from 6-7 p.m. Free parking is available in both dentist parking lots near the intersection of Maple and Forest.

All people of goodwill are invited. Solidarity donations will be requested. The dinner costs \$5-20 on a sliding scale.

Please spread the word by sharing the Facebook invitation and inviting friends. The event details are online here: whatcompjc.org/international-day-of-peace.html.

In peace, WPJC



Beth Brownfield, lifetime peacemaker

WELCOME TO DINNERS WITH 8 OR 6

We are ready to commence those wonderful, casual social gatherings known as “**DINNERS WITH 8 OR 6**”. Focused on getting to know each other better, we meet in small groups at one another’s homes, engaging in fascinating conversation while enjoying delicious potluck meals. This is a popular program for those new to BUF or members and friends who have been a part of our community for years.



HOW IT WORKS: Each month from October through May there are potlucks for groups of 8 or 6 participants. Each dining group has a different host and different guest list. Attending one dinner per month, by the end of May 2019 you will have enjoyed up to 8 small group dinners and met/talked with/ enjoyed the company of 50 or more people.

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS: You complete a **REGISTRATION FORM** with your desire to attend as a **PARTICIPANT**, a **HOST** (to 8 or 6) or a **CO-HOST** for your choice of months. The Form can be found at: <http://buf.org/files/121/DINNERS-WITH-8-6-Registration-Form.pdf> or pick one up at Coffee Hour.

The BUF Photo Directory will be updated this fall, with pictures scheduled for the 29th of October!

Add Monday, October 29th to your calendar if you want to be included in the 2019 Photo Directory.



Maybe you missed out last year or maybe you have come to BUF since October of last year. Now is your chance. Please call or email Administrator Kathy Wahto to indicate your desire to be scheduled for a photo on the 29th. The photo sessions will run from 1pm to 8pm and we want to make sure we have room for everyone.

There is no charge for the photo session and you get a copy from the photo you choose, as well as a directory when they are published. All members and friends data will be updated in the meantime, so the final published 2019 book will be inclusive and accurate.

For more info, please contact Kathy Wahto at admin@buf.org or 360 733-3837 so we can work on getting an accurate count of those interested and make sure we have enough appointments for all.

A BUF team, the "BUFsters," competed in the Bellingham Traverse, a multi-sport relay event, last Saturday, September 15.

Pictured left to right: Rowin Peterka (mountain bike), Kevin Allen-Schmid (running), Robin Brown & Marc Leonard (kayak) and Rev. Paul Beckel (road bike).

"Rowin kept our team in the race," claims Kevin. "He finished the expert, single-track course in the pouring rain in just 50 minutes."



MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OCTOBER 28, AT NOON IN THE BUF LIBRARY

On Sunday, October 28 the BUF Memorial Garden Committee will share a presentation and panel discussion with interested members of the congregation in the library, after the morning worship service. We'll include a proposed three-stage plan for a space dedicated to honoring deceased members and friends of BUF. Rev. Paul Beckel will facilitate a discussion assisted by Carrie Koehline. The following Sunday, November 4, there will be a table during coffee hour hosted by members of the committee where you can bring further questions and input.

The 2nd Annual Family Promise Bed Race is less than 3 weeks away, and we invite you to come watch the bed race this year! Next year BUF hopes to have Rev. Paul in our bed with a BUF sponsored team! But, in the interim, BUF will host a Family Promise BAKE SALE at the BED RACE. Can you help with baking? Let Ann Stevenson know at 360-738-7083. Easy finger food items like cookies, cupcakes, brownies or fresh fruit from our gardens would be appreciated and can be dropped off in the kitchen with a label: Family Promise.

Here's a youtube slideshow of what to expect. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZtWQigY2WU>



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**Family
Promise Bed
Race to
Help
Homeless
Children
September 30, 2
– 4 p.m.
Civic Field
Parking Lot**

BUF Chalice Circles coordinating team is accepting registrations for people interested in participating in Chalice Circles. small groups meeting regularly throughout the year, to explore themes for spiritual deepening.
Applications to join a Chalice Circle are available online at <http://www.buf.org/files/121/BUF-CHALICE-CIRCLES-Registration-form.pdf> The registration must be downloaded, printed and completed and may be mailed to BUF at 1207 Ellsworth St, Bellingham 98225 or can be dropped off at the BUF admin office.

TO ALL PARENTS OF K THROUGH 1A reminder that we will be offering Our Whole Lives, or OWL in an eight-session curriculum for five- to seven-year-olds. It is based on the philosophy that parents or whoever is filling that role in a child's life, have primary responsibility for sexuality education with their children. And educating institutions such as BUF, can form a meaningful partnership for positive and responsibly sexuality education. It is our belief that sexuality is a lifelong process of acquiring information and forming attitudes and values about identity and relationships, intimacy, and health. Our Whole Lives is a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that supports those beliefs. For more information on OWL, please visit the UUA website to learn more: <https://www.uua.org/re/owl>. The cost is \$25.00, and registration can be done online here: <https://buf.breezechms.com/form/e5a11799>.



Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of sexuality education curricula that helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about sexual health and behavior.

The dates and times are:

- **Mandatory Parents'/Legal Guardians' Information Night: Wednesday, September 19th from 6:30-8pm**
- **Grown up/Child Orientation Program Night: Wednesday, September 26th from 6-8:30**
- **OWL dates: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 during service 10:30-11:45.**

Childcare will be provided at the information and orientation nights. Any questions? Please contact Mullane Harrington at 360-319-9853 or muhwane@hotmail.com.



Plan Ahead to Volunteer for a Work Party at BUF on Saturday, Sept 29th!

The BUF Building & Grounds Committee is working on a plan to clean up and improve our parking lot and we will be bringing the volunteers and tools together on Sept 29th to make our mark on the parking lot and other landscaped areas around the church. There will be some power-washing of sidewalks and ramps, maybe some leaf raking and indoor tasks too, just in case the weather is inhospitable. Refreshments provided! For more details or to volunteer, **please email Leslie DeBrock at leslie@surepost.com or check in with the Administrator (Kathy Wahto) at 360 733-3837.**

Humanitas - Helping People In a Pinch



Our doors will be open throughout the summer, but we will not be in touch again until September 5. Then, we will once more share with you some stories from people who have requested our assistance. Thanks to you, we have been able to provide most of them with a little relief from their struggles. We hope you enjoy your summer, dear people, and here is our blessing: “May you be peaceful, happy and well, and may no harm come to you.” ~ *The Humanitas Team*



Lummi Food Bank

“Glad you are back from summer activities and thinking of me again. I have missed you!”

From your Lummi Food Cart

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



6:45 pm Chalice Choir
8:10 pm Phoenix Ensemble
8:10 pm Treble Voices

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 AM Humanitas

6:00 PM Community Night Dinner—Spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, and brownies and ice cream for dessert!

Thursday, September 20

1:30 PM Hospitality Committee

A Miracle of Mindfulness- Flowering Cherry Sangha engages in meditation practice, study and topic-focused discussion. Join us in the Meditation Room downstairs next to the BUF library every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Chairs are provided; bring a cushion if you wish. For more information contact David Gillespie at davidgillespie72@gmail.com



Friday, September 21

5:00 PM Family Retreat at Camp Kirby

Sunday, September 23

9:15 AM Sunday Forum: Where There's Smoke There's Fire: Wildfire in the American West

Presenter: Ronald D. Quinn, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Ecology. I have been interested in wildfires all my life, having grown up in southern California.

Over the course of my childhood, I watched all the vegetation on the surrounding mountains burn off, piece by piece. While studying biology I researched how plants and animals recover after fire on blackened hillsides. I have researched and written about these and other



questions concerning fire ecology for the past half century.

Why are the wildfires becoming larger, more frequent and more destructive in the Pacific Northwest? I will review with you the causes of today's growing loss of lives and property from wildland fires. We will talk about how better public and private planning practices can reduce these mounting losses, and I will describe ways that individuals and communities can improve safety from wildland fires, and mention sources for more detailed information.

10:30 AM Worship – “Get the Hell Out,” Rev. Peter Luton

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

11:45 AM Fall SEJC Meeting If you care about social and environmental justice, please come to our meeting!!! The BUF Social and Environmental Justice Committee will convene it's next regular meeting in the Library on **Sunday, September 23rd at 11:45 am** with a healthy and delicious potluck lunch, followed at noon by our well facilitated agenda of important social action reports and business. We are busy here at BUF, but we always welcome new ideas and team efforts. As drops of water together, we can move mountains.

11:45 AM Kids' Choir

12:15 Men's Group Social and spiritual sustenance for BUF's Men We will have our normal meeting of the BUF men's group this coming Sunday 9/23 from about 12:15 to about 1:30pm in the conference room. As usual, our normal ground rules apply:

- All men are welcome, including newcomers and friends.
- We try to avoid politics and sports.
- We'll start with two minutes each for a brief check-in -- try to talk about how we are not what we've been doing.
- We'll avoid cross talk during the discussion.
- As always, we'll observe a policy of confidentiality.
- Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack to share.

Thoughts for the day:

Football is a mistake. It combines the two worst features of modern American life. It's violence punctuated by committee meetings. -- George Will

Talks, speeches, articles and resolutions should all be concise and to the point. Meetings also should not go on too long. -- Mao Zedong

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

Monday, September 24

The Natural Balance in All Things . . .

Join us at 4:30 pm for Life Exercise, a program of gentle movement drawn from Chinese Tai Chi and Japanese health exercises. All levels of fitness are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Seaman, (360) 676-8543, lseaman@seamanmedical.com.



Tuesday, September 25

12:00 PM Lunch with Paul

Wednesday, September 26

10:00 AM Humanitas

6:00 PM Community Night Dinner

*Voices
of BUF*

6:45 pm Chalice Choir

8:10 pm Phoenix Ensemble

8:10 pm Treble Voices

HARNESSING THE POWER OF LOVE TO CREATE CHANGE



Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team has new meeting times— second and fourth Wednesdays, starting at 7:00 through the summer. The first meeting each month will be for planning and organizing, and second will be for book discussions.

The BUF Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team seeks to nurture the social, spiritual and personal development of congregation members in the exploration of how racism and privilege impact our congregation, our community, and our nation. In particular, we acknowledge the targeted violence which impacts black people disproportionately. We are committed to harnessing the power of love to dismantle racism and white supremacy across our communities and to creating spaces inclusive of people of all races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds.

Thursday, September 27

A Miracle of Mindfulness- Flowering Cherry Sangha engages in meditation practice, study and topic-focused discussion. Join us in the Meditation Room downstairs next to the BUF library every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Chairs are provided; bring a cushion if you wish. For more information contact David Gillespie at davidgillespie72@gmail.com



Friday, September 28: No events or activities

Saturday, September 29:

An Evening of Stories with Shirley

7:00 pm ... at 'Don's Barn', 628 Old Samish Rd. Listen to a legend, tall tale, myth, personal reflections. Program length approximately 2 hrs. including an intermission with wine and cheese.

Donations to Bellingham Food Bank or a children's book accepted. For more info contact Shirley at: sadunwoody714@comcast.net



Sunday, September 30

9:15 AM Sunday Forum

10:30 AM Worship

11:45 AM Kids' Choir

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

COMING IN OCTOBER



Booktoberfest comes to BUF on Saturday, October 13th 5-9pm, book sale, games and activities (polka-ing) and cook-out!

October 14

“Central Heating: Poems that Celebrate Love, Loss and Planet Earth” with Betty Scott and J.P. Falcon Grady



This, Betty Scott’s book, will launch at BUF at 7:00 p.m! Come for a lively evening of poetry and music provided by Betty and the soulful singer, guitarist J.P. Falcon Grady.

A portion of every book sold will support Lummi Youth Academy, a residential home for at-risk native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. To find out more, go to Betty’s new website at <https://bettyscottwriter.com>.

Working together for the past three years to bring the book to fruition, “Central Heating” is a unique collaboration between four people: Writer Betty, Publisher Doug Johnson of Cave Moon Press in Yakima, J.P. Falcon Grady, and artist Alfredo Arreguin. Doug Johnson not only operates Cave Moon Press, he is also a high school teacher, writer, artist, and recently retired church accompanist. Artist Alfredo Arreguin of Seattle donated the image for the cover. An internationally-amous artist living in Seattle, his beautiful painting of “The Magic Garden” invites readers to open the book.

After the launch, there will be many opportunities for BUFsters to help support Lummi Youth Academy. Consider holding intimate gatherings in your home where folks can read “Central Heating,” dip into their own experiences of love, loss, and recovery and connect to others with kindness and gratitude. You can select “Central Heating” for your book club. You can consider it for your chalice

circles. Should a poem call out to you, you can provide musical accompaniment, or your artistic talent to illustrate a broadside or postcard. To offer any of the above, contact: betty@bettyscottwriter.com.

“Words are launch pads to the World,” Betty quips. “Free to everyone. To practice resilience, all one needs to do is launch oneself into confusion and wonder, return a bit more scarred, listen and sit, bare-footed with The Word beneath the silence of stars.”

Interfaith Coalition Annual Hope Meeting and Celebration

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM

Congregation Beth Israel, 751 San Juan Blvd. in Bellingham

(Go South on Yew Street Road and then West on San Juan Blvd)

Please join Interfaith Coalition for a meaningful evening of fellowship, inspiration and opportunity. Hear from volunteers and families who share stories of compassion and hope. Learn how we are serving additional homeless families through our new Family Promise program, and help celebrate congregation Beth Israel's new synagogue home. You are part of an active and caring community of individuals and congregations dedicated to our neighbors in need. Please join us for this special evening.

Providing Warmth to Neighbors in Need

Interfaith Coalition's annual winter warmth drive provides warm outerwear for everyone from babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently-used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves and hats to worship services through October 14. If you are a knitter, handmade hats and scarves are also cherished. For many of our neighbors, this program means they won't need to spend limited income on a winter coat or do without. Thank you for sharing the warmth!

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October 19

BUF Coffee House Returns!

BUF Coffee House will return **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.!** We hope you will join us for great music, poetry, and stories from local talent. More details to come.



To all UU members and friends who are concerned about the state of social and environmental justice in our times!

Angered by the recent immigration raids? • Heartbroken by the death of our Orcas?

Holding your breath about the pipelines? • Alarmed by aggressive law enforcement and racial profiling?

Believe the criminal justice system needs reform? • Overwhelmed by the ever-growing state of poverty?

On October 20, 2018, you are invited to connect with UU justice colleagues at a Justice Summit being held at the Edmonds UU Congregation in Edmonds, WA.

WA UU Voices for Justice and the Northwest UU Justice Network are evolving into **JUJustice Washington**, a state action network that will be assisting and mobilizing individuals and congregations to take on the justice issues of our time more effectively and in greater depth.



This is your opportunity to strengthen your existing justice efforts, forge strong, new justice relationships and join or create issue & advocacy teams for our State and beyond. We will provide you with the skills, tools, support and encouragement to establish relationships and partnerships with those individuals and organizations that are allied with our causes and begin reaching out to those communities where we need to work on establishing a supportive presence and build right relationships. Celebrate the formal unveiling of the new organization and its increased efficacy, professionalism and capacity. Join us and become a force in its evolution to take on the many and intersecting issues of our day and forge a pathway to a more just future for us and for the Earth.

To registers for the Summit or to get more information [Register Here](#). Then, save the date on your calendar for the Legislative Conference on November 18, 2018 where you can align your justice work with Washington State legislative priorities!

Note from Deb Cruz: We've been working on this organization fast and furious to launch it on October 20th! However, even after launch, we have a long ways to go in making a real difference and will need all your participation and help along the journey. Join us and move Washington State and the Pacific Northwest forward on the road to real and enduring justice for all.