

Foundry Action Opportunities to Current Events with Social Justice Ministry 8.13.2020

Journey to Racial Justice Survey Results Discussion Sunday, August 16th, 12:45pm

Please join members from the Journey to Racial Justice Steering Committee along with our racial equity/justice consultant, Kumea Shorter-Gooden, as we discuss the survey and focus group results. This preliminary discussion will help us to understand where we are as a congregation, and help us to determine next steps.

Email jrj@foundryumc.org for registration information.

Washington Interfaith Network Reimagine DC Organizing virtual Sessions

More than 2000 people participated in the Virtual Action with WIN on July 2. Our next steps involved listening and visioning for how we achieve a just recovery and how we address priorities of safety, affordability, and access. A series of virtual gatherings have been scheduled. You can [sign-up with this link](#). The dates are included below.

Thursday, August 13, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25th, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Ward 7 Action—Building a Just Agenda Together: [Thursday, August 13, 7:00-8:15 p.m.](#)

WIN's Ward 7 leaders are inviting all Ward 7 residents and congregants to a virtual action over Zoom to build power behind a bold agenda for justice in Ward 7.

Public Lands Campaign Teach-In: [Thursday, August 20, 6:45-8:00 p.m.](#)

Last week, [DMPED announced](#) that the city is beginning the development process for more than half of the acreage at Reservation 13, one of the largest remaining undeveloped public land sites in the District. With our public lands campaign moving quickly, we invite everyone who wants to be active on our public lands campaign to join us for a action with updates on the status of our public lands organizing and proposed next steps around:

- Reservation 13/RFK
- The Reeves Center at 14th St and U Street
- DCHFA Headquarters at 9th St and Florida Ave
- Langston School at P St and N. Capitol St

To register for WIN events, go to www.windc-iaf.org

Sharing Your Financial Resources

Ensuring community partners doing vital services for vulnerable populations are able to continue their work in this time of interruption and uncertainty is paramount. The Foundry community has responded generously over these past weeks to assist through financial giving. So far, we've been able to extend donations to partners engaging unhoused populations, food insecure families, health clinics, and meal services. Over \$30,000 have gone out in this short period to support:

- Bread for the City
- Miriam's Kitchen
- Pathways to Housing
- Unity Health Clinics
- Washington Interfaith Network
- Service Employee Relief
- One DC

While it is an uncomfortable feeling to not be *doing* some of this work ourselves, we know giving in this robust way helps our best workers deliver critical services and ministry. We thank you for the gifts offered and encourage you to continue supporting work like this through the [Greatest Need Fund](#).

Actions You Can Take from Home:

- As we enter the budget setting season for the District of Columbia we invite you to engage in efforts with The Way Home Campaign to attend a virtual house meeting. See the [opportunities for action here](#).
- Make relational calls with WIN. WIN activists have been making phone calls to neighbors, colleagues, friends, school principals, resident association presidents, and other "mayors of the block" to see how people are doing and what issues they are facing or hearing about. Guidelines for making calls, and a sample script, is available [here](#). To report on what you are hearing during your phone calls, you can fill our response form [at this link](#). You can call people you know, or email sacredresistance@foundryumc.org for a list.

Other Ways to Volunteer In-Person:

- Through the [Capital Area Food Bank](#), which urgently needs people to help pack and sort food at their warehouse, and to assist in off-site distribution. Many safety precautions are in place to protect volunteers.

Food banks around the region include:

- Manna (Montgomery County): <https://www.mannafoodbank.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>
- AFAC (Arlington County): <https://afac.org/volunteer-update-april-2020/> (note that AFAC no longer is needing volunteers, but is asking for food donations/food drives on the page)
- CAFB (Arlington County): <https://volunteer.capitalareafoodbank.org/opportunity/a3M36000000ZmqeEAC>
- Help get meals to Seniors through [We are Family](#).
- Through the [DC Medical Reserve Corps](#), which is open to medical and non-medical volunteers 18 years of age and older.
- Children's Hospital has a sign-up form for those willing to provide childcare for their medical staff while school is out. [Click here](#) to access the sign-up form.
- Donate to the [East of the River Mutual Aid Fund](#), created by DMV Black Lives Matter (a Beckner grantee) to support efforts led by and focused on people from Wards 7 and 8.

The Foundation: Mutual Aid

- The most direct way to help our neighbors in need is to get involved in one of the Mutual Aid Networks active in neighborhoods and wards around the city. These grassroots efforts match needs and resources at the most local level. [Click here to see the list of Networks](#). In particular, they are looking for people to help organize "pods," meaning a block of homes/buildings to focus on for outreach and needs assessment. [Click here for information on how to organize a Pod](#). The DC Mutual Aid Network has [an active Facebook group](#) as well.

For More Info:

- [WIN's list of Resources and Volunteer/Donation Needs](#)

Have other ideas, questions, comments? Please reach out to us at sacredresistance@foundryumc.org