

Racial Justice Advocacy Resources

Local Partners

Peace Week Delaware – www.peaceweekdelaware.org

PWD reminds us to examine the institutions you support to ensure they have diversity policies and welcome people of color. Here is a link to a list of Black Owned Businesses.

<https://technical.ly/delaware/2020/02/05/black-history-month-2020-50-black-owned-businesses-in-delaware/>

YWCA Racial & Social Justice - <https://www.ywcade.org/what-we-do/rsj/> and <https://www.ywcade.org/what-we-do/rsj/delaware-racial-justice-colaborative/>

We have partnered with the YWCA for many years and they continue to do great work on racial justice with their Dialogues to Action and recent zoom-based book groups. Many First U's have participated in these programs.

Pacem In Terris - <http://depaceminterris.org>

Pacem has been “waging peace” in Wilmington for 52 years. They are planning some public forums by Zoom soon. Sign up to get their newsletter and stay informed. Many First U's are involved with Pacem.

Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow - <https://endnewjimcrowde.org>

First U was one of the initial founding churches of this group that challenges the racism in our criminal justice system. They have anti-racism resources on their web page and you can sign-up to get involved with their educational and legislative advocacy work.

Action Network – The Building People Power Campaign

<https://actionnetwork.org/groups/building-people-power-campaign>

The Building People Power Campaign is a grassroots multi-issue effort to propel racial justice across Delaware. The campaign was born from the understanding that we need to break out of our issue silos, connect across districts, and support each other in our many efforts to make lasting change whether it's in education, criminal justice reform, housing, economics, or health.

Unitarian Universalist Advocacy

UUA Advocacy - <https://www.uua.org/action>

UUSC urges our members to participate with the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) this week to demand justice. Each day, visit the M4BL website to take action to dismantle institutions and policies that inflict harm on black lives: <https://m4bl.org/week-of-action/>

Click here for other ideas for ways to take action now to defend black lives.
<https://www.uusc.org/take-action-to-defend-black-lives-and-dismantle-white-supremacy/>

Commit to learning! Click below to sign up for a four-week learning opportunity with Side with Love and Love Resists, Unfinished Business: A Study of DuBois' Reconstruction in America to Now.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIrrqBj400Mk4kJzvg6rZZaQEHsXRqDkIR3M4esKEF-LNPKKA/viewform>

Book About Race in the Ministry within the UUA

Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, Edited by Mitra Rahnema

Order from the UUA at: https://www.uuabookstore.org/Centering-P18206.aspx?utm_medium=uua.org&utm_source=body&utm_campaign=uuaorgads&utm_content=/products/centering

Buy, read, and discuss this book with your friends from First U. Rev. Roberta began a book swap amongst us and this is a great time to re-connect with the themes in this book. We need to understand how our own minister's of color have had to fight racism and discrimination within our own congregations.

National Black Lead Organizations

Black Lives Matter - <https://blacklivesmatter.com>

A national movement that has been supported by the UUA and that First U supports with our Black Lives Matter banners. The Delaware Chapter has a strong history of advocacy in Wilmington. Listen to some of that history below.

<https://www.delawarepublic.org/term/black-lives-matter>

NAACP - <https://www.naacp.org>

NAACP has a We are Done Dying Petition that you can sign right now! Just go to the link below and join their powerful movement towards racial justice. They are also holding weekly Town Halls you can join.

<https://naacp.org/campaigns/we-are-done-dying/>

Equal Justice Initiative - <https://eji.org>

EJI was founded by Bryan Stevenson, a public interest lawyer and bestselling author of Just Mercy (See event below). EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Color of Change - <https://colorofchange.org/>

Color of Change helps you do something real about injustice. We design campaigns powerful enough to end practices that unfairly hold Black people back, and champion solutions that move us all forward. Until justice is real.