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June 10, 2021

“If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” Lilla Watson, Maori activist

Dear Friends,

This has been a year of severe challenges for our country. Many of us have experienced personal sorrows and loss. Collectively, we have been forced to confront long-standing, deep-seated issues that we can no longer ignore or sweep under the rug. Systemic racism underlies so many of the problems we face: The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and the economic fallout of the pandemic. Voter suppression that particularly targets those communities. Police brutality. The ongoing crisis at the border. The extreme partisan divide that politicizes everything from common sense public health measures to handing out water to people waiting to vote. Now, more than ever, the voices of people of faith are needed to stand with those fighting for freedom, democracy, and justice.

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice continues to mobilize the interfaith community to take action on all these fronts and more. We are proud to share with you the work we have done this year, our accomplishments, and our plans moving forward.

We could not have done any of the work described in this report without our amazing interns, consultants, board, many volunteers, and supporters. See within to find their names. We are immensely grateful to all of you for all your ongoing help and support!

I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bonnie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis
Executive Director



The Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement

Campaign (www.interfaithvotewi.org), co-led by WFVJ and Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC), worked hard in 2020 to educate, register, and empower voters across Wisconsin. In 2021, we have focused on building trust in the election, countering misinformation and disinformation, combatting voter suppression, and advocating for fair maps.

Major Accomplishments:

- Recruited over 400 volunteers statewide,
- Built partnerships with congregations and grassroots organizations in Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Green Bay
 - Partners included the Urban League of Greater Madison; NAACP of Dane County and Milwaukee; League of Women Voters and Voter ID Coalition; Souls to the Polls, Supermarket Legends, Tikkun Ha-Ir; Jewish Federation of Madison and Jewish Federation of Milwaukee; Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Temple Beth El in Madison, Beth Hillel Temple in Kenosha; Milwaukee Zen Center and Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Voces de la Frontera, Congregation Emanu-El B'nei Jeshurun, All Voting is Local, the Disability Votes Coalition, the Wisconsin Voter Rights Coalition, ACLU-Wisconsin
- Volunteers engaged in activities including phone banking, canvassing, training voter registration ambassadors; webinars on voting rights, gerrymandering, the intersection of voting and racism, de-escalation training, the state budgeting process and advocacy for a budget that serves all Wisconsin residents,
- Recruiting poll workers and recruited and trained clergy to act as poll chaplains,
- After the November election, we received a grant from Common Cause to promote trust in the election outcome and keep the peace leading up to Inauguration Day,
- On the morning of January 6, WFVJ and WCC co-led an interfaith vigil for a peaceful transition of power as Congress counted the Electoral College votes. Along with the rest of the country, we were appalled and horrified as right-wing extremists stormed the Capitol in a violent attempt to overthrow our democracy. Our two organizations called together faith leaders that afternoon to pray together, share our fears for the future of our country, and gather comfort and strength from each other. Jointly, we issued a statement condemning the insurrection and calling for a restoration to sanity. Our statement said, in part: "...prayer alone is not enough. As people of faith who are committed to making real the ideals on which our nation was founded, we must join together in the fight to protect our democracy. There are those in our state houses and Congress who would take recent events as an opportunity to enact new restrictions on the right to vote and on the right to protest. Instead, we must break down barriers to voting and protect and defend the right to raise our voices together in nonviolent opposition to injustice. This is the time for us all as an interfaith community to unite to protect our democracy and our country. Nothing less than our democracy is at stake,"
- In the last six months, our work has pivoted to focusing on advocacy for improving access to the ballot box in our state budget, disseminating up to date information and action alerts to combat the egregious voter suppression bills currently before our legislature and on how to take action to oppose partisan gerrymandering,

- On June 9, we held a press conference to release our interfaith statement on voter suppression, signed by 11 faith-based organizations and 88 clergy.
- The work continues, as we look to the 2022 and 2024 elections and beyond. We will continue to combat voter suppression and advocate for voting rights, we will work to increase access to voting for people in jail and prison and post-incarceration; and we will continue to train our activists in how to lobby and build relationships with their elected officials.
- Bridging the Partisan Divide – WFVJ and WCC are embarking on a new project, building on our recent showing of the documentary PURPLE from Resetting the Table. The film chronicles the process of facilitated conversations between left- and right- leaning voters. The conversations are designed to enable participants to understand better each other's point of view and to encourage dialogue to get to people's core values and experiences that have shaped their political opinions. As people hear each other's stories, they understand what led the other person to their political beliefs. This reduces the tendency to demonize one another. These conversations lead participants to find shared values and common ground on issues of mutual concern. We will use these conversations to break down barriers and move people and congregations toward action, whether through advocacy or direct service projects in their communities.
- Our program could not run without our wonderful staff and amazing volunteers!
 - Staff:
 - **Peter Bakken (WCC) and Bonnie Margulis (WFVJ) – co-leads**
 - **Daniel Garlock – Program Manager**
 - **Gailden Moore – Madison Organizer**
 - **Bud Andrews – Green Bay Organizer**
 - **Marcia Vandercook – volunteer organizer**



Reverend Erica Liu volunteers as an election observer for the Nov. 2020 election

COVID-19 Response

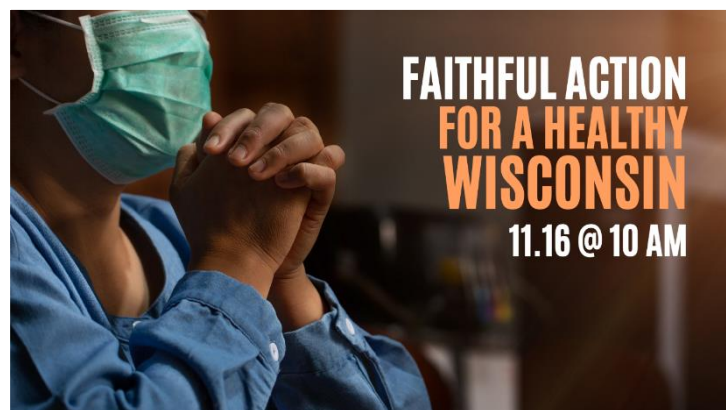
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice has been in the forefront of the battle against this pandemic, particularly working to address the disproportionate effect the virus and the subsequent economic fallout has had on communities of color. Some of our efforts have included:

- In partnership with the Wisconsin Council of Churches, we gathered a coalition of faith leaders around the state for **Faithful Action for a Healthy Wisconsin**. In November, we sponsored a press conference of faith leaders to promote healthy behaviors among the public and to call upon our legislators to take action to keep Wisconsin safe; created a clergy pledge for faith leaders to affirm their commitment to keeping their houses of worship closed for the duration of the pandemic; sent a letter of thanks and support from faith leaders to health care workers. As we begin to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel, we have pledged to keep this coalition together, turning our focus to addressing inequities in our health care systems,
- Last spring, the Governor's office asked WFVJ to submit an Amicus Brief to the state Supreme Court. in support of the Governor's public health orders. In the end, we submitted three different briefs to counter law suits aimed at undermining the Governor's authority to keep Wisconsin residents safe during the health crisis,
- We worked with the Lt. Governor's office to initiate a series of conference calls with the Lt. Governor and faith leaders, to keep us all connected and informed about the course of the pandemic and to give the faith leaders the opportunity to share what they were seeing in their own congregations and communities,
- Our ongoing partnership with Worker Justice Wisconsin again proved very important in 2020. In May, our two organizations collaborated to bring together advocates and direct service providers from around the state to talk about what low wage and undocumented workers were experiencing during the pandemic. From that initial conversation, a committee was formed to address the issues that were identified. The **Dignity at Work Coalition**, which our two organizations founded in 2015, agreed to incorporate that committee into the work of the Coalition. The committee includes representatives from WJW and WFVJ, the Dane County NAACP Labor and Industry Committee, Voces de la Frontera, Kids Forward, Freedom Inc., SCFL, and the Teaching Assistants Association and University Labor Council of UW-Madison. The committee worked with the Madison & Dane County Public Health Department to strengthen their public health orders and to create a poster in English, Spanish and Mandarin to educate workers about their rights, their employers' responsibilities, and how to file complaints safely. We reached out to the Latino Chamber of Commerce, Destination Madison, and Downtown Madison, Inc. to help disseminate the poster so it would be displayed in every workplace. We also created two videos, each in English and Spanish, to ensure the safety of all workers: one aimed at workers in Dane County, the other for workers throughout the state of Wisconsin. In both videos Dr. Patricia Tellez-Girón, Associate Professor Dept. of Family Medicine, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, explains the importance of correctly wearing a mask.
 - You can locate the videos here:
 - Dane County Public Health (English): <https://youtu.be/COsCcAdgdXs>
 - Dane County Public Health (Spanish): <https://youtu.be/NaMNqmWssOQ>
 - State of Wisconsin (English): <https://youtu.be/SiGqBQrFnI8>
 - State of Wisconsin (Spanish): <https://youtu.be/XFB5ZQv4QIY>
- This spring, WFVJ and Worker Justice Wisconsin (WJW) jointly received a grant from the Department of Health Services to promote trust in the COVID vaccine and reduce barriers for African American and

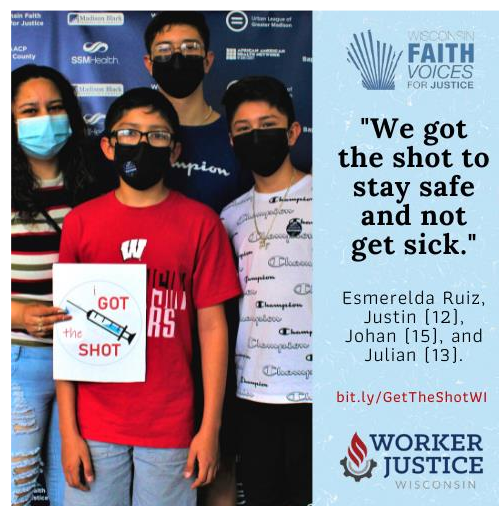
Latinx communities to access the vaccine. We have created a webpage of resources, links, videos, and images to provide accurate medical information and to show support for the vaccination (<https://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/igottheshot.html>). We have created a flyer in English and Spanish with FAQs and information on how to get the vaccine. We have recruited volunteers to disseminate the flyers to businesses, community centers, farmers markets, and targeted neighborhoods, to reach people who do not have internet access and will not be able to find this information online. We are partnering with Centro Hispano, the Latino Health Council, Voces de la Frontera, the Latino Academy for Workforce Development, the South-Central Federation of Labor, and the Dane County Public Health Department to conduct community conversations and pop-up clinics to give people the opportunity to share their questions, air their concerns, and get vaccinated. We also have partnered with the Urban League of Greater Madison, the Dane County NAACP, the African American Council of Churches, SSM Health, and other organizations to offer pop-up clinics at the Urban League.

➤ We are grateful to our volunteers who are helping to distribute our flyers:

- Lisha Terre
- Valese Adams
- Mary Strait
- Betsy Abramson
- Chuck Cohen
- Mary Bell
- Socorro Cortez
- Kristen Taylor
- Grace Shockman
- Victoria Gutierrez
- Sean Anderson
- Judith Herstand
- Barbara Feeney



Press conference of faith leaders calling for meaningful health department orders and economic relief



Racial Justice

While racial justice has always been at the center of our work, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the shooting of Jacob Blake, we realized it is crucial that we name this fact and are more intentional, deliberate, and focused in how we approach this work.

Over the past year, we have built on existing relationships and are forging new ones, always following the lead of organizations led by people of color.

- Our relationships with the Urban League, the NAACP, and African American congregations and clergy have been strengthened by our work together to protect voting rights and to break down barriers to the COVID-19 vaccine,
- On June 9, 2021, we held a press conference hosted by SS Morris Community AME Church to release a statement we created in opposition to the 20+ voter suppression bills currently before our legislature. Eleven faith-based organizations and 88 clergy and faith leaders have signed the statement.
- We created an extensive resource document as a tool for our clergy and congregations to engage in meaningful study and action for racial justice, (<https://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/blog/combating-racism-resources-for-education-and-action>),
- In January, we partnered with First Baptist Church in Madison and others on a webinar - Complicity in the Making of Race-Based Slavery: From Roger Williams to the Cotton Kingdom, with Dr. Christy Clark-Pujara (<http://firstbaptistmadison.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Dr-Clark-Pujara-Discussion-Guide.FBCMAdison.WI-updated.pdf>),
- As an outgrowth of that partnership, we are working with First Baptist, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and other congregations to form the Madison Faith Justice Collaborative to address issues of racial justice in Dane County. Currently, we are looking at reparations, to understand the many facets of this issue so that we can be better advocates with our elected officials to enact reparations in Dane County and across the state,
- “Creating Beloved Community” conversations with Wisconsin Council of Churches, WISDOM, and MICAHA on how to combat white supremacy and galvanize clergy to raise their prophetic voices against hate,
- We are partnering with the NAACP of Dane County to advocate for a ban on chokeholds and kneeholds and other lethal uses of force by police.



Dignity at Work COALITION Wisconsin

The **Dignity at Work Coalition**

(<http://www.dignityatworkcoalition.org/>) is a coalition of faith groups, direct service organizations, advocacy organizations, and labor unions. We work together on issues that provide dignified labor that helps workers support their families.

- This year, we focused on issues facing low-wage and undocumented workers who were forced to work under unsafe conditions during the pandemic.
- Coalition member organizations Worker Justice Wisconsin, 9to5, and the Latino Academy for Workforce Development, held a series of conversations with immigrant workers, to ask them to envision a Wisconsin where they would be welcomed, and their work valued. The workers were asked:
 - What are the top five needs that currently exist in the state of Wisconsin which prevent immigrant and undocumented workers from being treated with dignity?
 - If it were up to the members participating in this conversation to reimagine a Wisconsin where immigrant/undocumented workers were protected, what would that Wisconsin be like?
 - As a result of these conversations, we developed six policy priorities which will be the focus of the Coalition's work for the coming year:
 - Paid sick leave and family leave,
 - Legal drivers licenses,
 - Repeal SB23, which preempts local jurisdictions in the state from passing paid sick day policies,
 - Create a rebuttable presumption* that essential workers infected with covid-19 suffer from a compensable work-related injury (*A rebuttable presumption is an assumption made by a court that is taken to be true unless someone comes forward to contest it and prove otherwise),
 - Make direct payments to workers in the informal sector, especially undocumented workers who have been left out of all COVID relief packages,
 - Set up a fund for workers who do not qualify for federal unemployment insurance.
- We met with the Governor's Policy Team to advocate for use of America Rescue Plan funds for the last two policy asks.
- Members of the Dignity at Work steering committee are engaged in a ten-month Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training, to help us moving forward to frame our work together through a racial justice lens.
- Dignity at Work Steering Committee:
 - **William Parke-Sutherland (Kids Forward)**
 - **Truth Freemyn (9to5)**
 - **Corinda Rainey Moore (Meriter Hospital)**
 - **Rebecca Meier-Rao (Worker Justice Wisconsin)**
 - **Bill Franks Jr. (Dane County NAACP)**
 - **Baltazar de Anda Santana (Latino Academy of Workforce Development)**
 - **Courtney Hayward (Planned Parenthood)**
 - **Bonnie Margulis (WFSV)**
 - **Sara Finger (Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health)**
 - **Janet Zander (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources)**
 - **Lucy Baker (WISPIRG)**



The **Dane Sanctuary Coalition** is prepared to receive someone into sanctuary who is in fear of imminent deportation. We also engage in education and advocacy for immigrant rights, in partnership with Voces de la Frontera and Centro Hispano.

This year, we have:

- Created a new website - <https://danesanctuarycoalition.org/>
- Started Advocacy and Communications Committees
- Sponsored a Big Read – *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*, culminating in an evening with author Aaron Bobrow-Strain,
- Partnered with Voces de la Frontera in advocating for pathway to citizenship, drivers licenses, and in-state tuition for DACA students,
- Sponsored webinars to highlight the work of immigrant justice organizations in Dane County; on changes to US Immigration policy under Biden in partnership with Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ and Temple Beth El; on the work of the Community Immigration Law Center and UW Immigration Law Clinic with Midvale Lutheran; and Words of Worth events writing letters to people in detention at the border with Christ Presbyterian Church,
- Took part in an effort with Kids Forward toward Building a Budget That Works for Wisconsin's Immigrants and Refugees;
- Recruit and train volunteers to drive immigrants to Chicago for immigration hearings and Milwaukee for ICE check-ins. Before the pandemic closed down the courts, we made over 45 trips. The courts are re-opening and we are again getting requests for drivers. This fall we will sponsor a new Big Read – *Separated: Inside an American Tragedy* by Jacob Soboroff
- In the winter of 2022, we will sponsor a Big View – *Living Undocumented* – a documentary that follows the lives of eight families in the United States who are undocumented and facing deportation.
- We could not do this work without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers:
 - The Dane Sanctuary Steering Committee meets monthly to plan programs, set policies, oversee finances, and act as liaisons to the member congregations:
 - **Dorit Bergen – First Unitarian Society**
 - **Joyce Anderson and Larry Hemming – Madison Christian Community**
 - **Leila Pine and Jeanne Lydon – James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation**
 - **Ruthanne Landsness – Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ**
 - **Leslie Schenk – treasurer – Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**
 - **Bianca Tomasini and Luis Velazquez – Voces de la Frontera**
 - **Karen Menendez Coller – Centro Hispano**
 - **Dorit Bergen** and **Dan Zimmerman** (Temple Beth El) co-lead the volunteer driver program.
 - Many thanks to **Jeff Spitzer-Resnick**, who ran our Community Resource Team from the beginning of the Coalition to this spring.
 - Communications and Advocacy Committees:

- **Emily Kuhn, Toni Swandby, Luis Velasquez, Elizabeth Inglis, Dean Ryerson, Gayle Perlberg, Gayle Nelson, Leila Pine, Sally Jones, Ruthanne Landsness, Sabe Jones, Erica Serlin, Diane Morris, Tim Schaefer (webmaster), Bianca Tomasini, Susan Krehbiel, Fredi Bove, Betsy Abramson**

Dane Sanctuary Coalition Members

Host Congregations (offering sanctuary)

First Unitarian Society in partnership with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Madison Christian Community in partnership with Advent Lutheran Church and Community of Hope United Church of Christ

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ in partnership with Madison Mennonite Church

Supporting Congregations

Beth Israel Center

Christ Presbyterian Church

First Baptist Church of Madison

First Congregational United Church of Christ

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Lake Edge Lutheran Church

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

Midvale Lutheran Church

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

Presbyterian House – UW Madison

Santa Maria ELCA

St. Francis House

Temple Beth El

The Crossing, Inc.

Supporting Organizations

Community Immigration Law Center

Family Farm Defenders

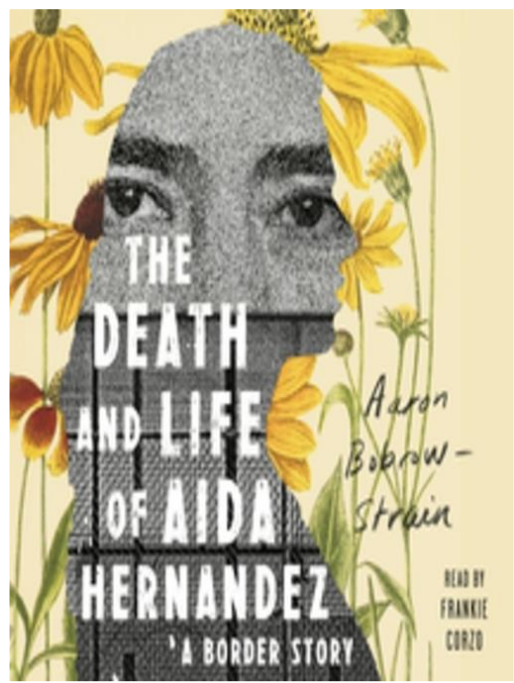
Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors

Teaching Assistants' Association

Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice

Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom – Madison

Worker Justice Wisconsin



Interfaith Community Building

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is dedicated to building bridges between faith communities, to building interfaith understanding and cooperation, and to creating a community that celebrates and embraces our differences while coming together for action on areas of mutual concern.

This year, we continued this important work, building on the relationships and programs we have developed over the years:

- In 2019, we began a program of Sacred Site Visits, bringing participants to different houses of worship over the course of the year, to observe worship, meet with clergy and faith leaders from the communities we visited, and forge friendships among participants. When the pandemic began, this program went on hiatus.
- This year, we began the program again, moving it to an online reality. Because so many of our faith communities have been live-streaming their worship, we are able to offer our participants the opportunity to observe the virtual worship, meet with faith leaders over Zoom, and have a virtual tour of the worship space. We have over 160 participants signed up for the program and dates set for visits through the summer of 2022. We look forward to continuing the program with both in-person and virtual options.
- Some of the congregations we have visited so far include the Milwaukee Zen Center; Blackhawk Church; Circle Sanctuary; AHA Shiva Vishnu Hindu Temple, Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee; coming up is our first hybrid in-person and virtual visit to the Sikh Community in Middleton. We owe many, many thanks to **Mary Strait** for her tireless work in arranging for these visits.
- This year we held our fifth annual iftar (Ramadan break the fast), the second one we have held virtually. This year included a presentation on Ramadan by Lamin Ceesay, imam at the Islamic Center of East Madison. We raised \$3500 for Second Harvest Food Bank in a fundraiser that began with the iftar and ran through Ramadan.
- We hope to return to our in-person event in 2022.
- Our interfaith working group volunteers include: **Catherine Buege, Cemile Sahin, Chuck Cohen, Jessica Ozalp, Sadat Abiri, Fatou Ceesay, Mary Strait.**



Celebrating Holy Days from Wicca, Islam, and Judaism.

Clergy Organizing

WVJ sponsors two interfaith clergy councils – the Greater Milwaukee Faith Voices for Justice, and the Multifaith Coalition of South-Central Wisconsin. Clergy and faith leaders come together monthly for mutual support, learning, and action. Members are Jewish, Christian, Unitarian, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha'i, and Nature Spirituality. Some of the activities include:

- A community interfaith service of comfort and hope in the time of COVID-19 presented on Zoom and Facebook in partnership with the Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Learning opportunities to share our different faith traditions with each other,
- Acting as poll workers, poll observers, and poll chaplains during the November election,
- Interfaith text study
- Pulpit exchanges
- An interfaith service to kick off Pride weekend in Dane County (in the works)
- Starting in the fall, thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison, we are offering a six-session Racial Justice training to all our clergy and faith leaders, led by Rev. Marilyn Miller and Dr. Joyce Caldwell from Leading for Racial Equity.
- The Multifaith Coalition is planning a community-wide interfaith worship service during Pride Month for 2022



Interfaith Worship Service

LGBTQ+ Justice

- The National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin Chapter approached us a year ago to join in a coalition of mental health professionals and LGBTQ+ activists to advocate for a ban on Conversion Therapy. This dangerous practice seeks to ‘convert’ LGBTQ+ youth to becoming heterosexual. Widely debunked by mental health professionals, sadly it is still used by some ideologically driven therapists. This ‘therapy’ can cause great damage, including suicide, among vulnerable young people. This advocacy work continues. Learn more and take action here - <https://www.naswwi.org/tell-your-legislator-to-ban-conversion-therapy/>
- More recently, and as part of a national trend, two bills have been introduced into the Wisconsin legislature that would ban trans women and girls from participating in school sports. We have been working with GSAFE and other LGBTQ+ organizations to oppose these bills as well. Call your Senators and tell them to oppose SB 322 and SB 323.

COALITION WORK

At WFVJ, we believe in working in partnerships and coalitions, understanding that real change can only come if we all raise our collective voices together toward our common goals. Therefore, we work wherever we can in coalition with other organizations. In addition to our own Dignity at Work Coalition and Dane Sanctuary Coalition, some of the other coalitions to which we belong include:

- Raise the Age – advocates for raising the age from 17 to 18 to try young people in adult court. Led by the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-WI (LOPPW)
- Climate Change Coalition – also led by LOPPW
- Better Budget Coalition – led by Kids Forward
- ACLU Budget Coalition
- Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition
- BadgerCare Expansion – led by Kids Forward and the Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health
- Declaration for American Democracy – a national coalition working to pass the For the People Act

We could not do any of this work without the dedication, time, and hard work of our staff, board, and volunteers!

Executive Director – Rabbi Bonnie Margulis

Development Director – Sarah Gilday

Communications Consultant – Tiffany Ellis Hudson

Interns - Eric Franze, Johnathan Kozlowski, Lauren Mazur, Zoe Byer-Wein, Benjamin Davis (thanks to grant from the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County via Temple Beth El)

Volunteer bookkeepers - Denny Rosenthal, Karen Turino

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 - Church Women United in Madison, Inc.
 - Circle Sanctuary
 - Congregation Shaarei Shamayim
 - First Unitarian Society Social Justice Ministries
 - First United Methodist Church and Society Mission Team
 - Just Dane
 - Lake Edge Lutheran Church
 - Lake Edge United Church of Christ Mission Team
 - Madison Friends Meeting (Quaker)
 - Memorial United Church of Christ - Fitchburg
 - Middleton Community UCC Faith in Action Team
 - North Central Wisconsin Worship Group (Quaker)
 - Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ
 - Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
 - Snowflower Sangha
 - Still Point Zen Center
 - Temple Beth El
- Individual donors

In Memoriam

This year we lost two beloved members of our community.

Christine Thompson was the Executive Director of PEPartnership – Personal Essentials Pantry. She also was the first Secretary of our board and created and managed our first website. When PEPartnership moved into Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Christine made space for us in her new office, so WFVJ had an official office space for the only time in our history. Our signature Poverty Workshop was a collaboration and labor of love between WFVJ and PEPartnership. Christine died earlier this year after a long battle with cancer. She was a great force for good in our community, and a good friend. She will be sorely missed!



Jeanne Silverberg, along with her husband Joe, was a long-time supporter of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice. But Jeanne was not content just to write a check every year, as much as we appreciate her and Joe's generosity. Jeanne also wanted to be sure others were aware of our work, so she arranged to have Executive Director Bonnie Margulis speak at an annual event at Capitol Lakes in Madison, where Jeanne and Joe resided. Jeanne always greeted everyone with a smile and a hug. She was a joyful person, and we will miss her very much. Our deepest sympathies go out to Joe and the rest of her family.