

August 2020 KUJJAN Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Kentucky UU Justice Action Network (KUJJAN). Our other newsletters will come via the database/email/super-cool-tool we are currently getting set up, but we can't wait that long before letting you know some of the awesome stuff that is happening.

Please share this newsletter with your UU friends (especially the ones in Kentucky!), and have them sign up for future newsletters.

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1. Updates on/from the UU the Vote Issues Team

The UU the Vote Issues Team will be meeting in the next week to map out a strategy. Right now, we plan on working with KFTC's efforts, as they have a great system setup and we have partnered with them in the past.

If you are interested in being on the UU the Vote Issues team, which will define, plan and implement our approach to democratic justice in the coming weeks and months, please fill out this doodle **no later than 5pm ET on Saturday, August 8:**

<https://doodle.com/poll/kzsiht45w2cayvn7>

Please note: When filling this doodle out, you must get to the page where you enter your email address in order to save your results. The email you enter will be used to follow-up with you.

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2. Updates on/from the Racial Justice Issues Team

A. If you have been wondering how to support the protestors in Louisville, even if you are not there, I maintain a blog with helpful information and update it regularly.

B. TJUC is hosting an Antiracist Book Discussion Series and invites other UUs from around the state to participate. Discussions about the second book, *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo, start next week. Register here.

C. The amazing **Beloved Conversations** curriculum has moved online for the first time. Beloved Conversations is a transformative process that deepens relationships and works to create communities of trust that are prepared to have the difficult conversations needed to take on systems change. The curriculum's combination of deep listening, reflection, and active engagement is extremely effective. Eric Huffer, of the Lexington congregation, says "Our congregation has gone through the process twice and it has been readily evident how much impact it has had on the congregation. The first time we did Beloved Conversations resulted in the creation of our 'Partners for Racial Justice' group and after the second time through the process the groundwork had been laid for our congregation to adopt the 8th Principle. I would highly recommend Beloved Conversations to any congregation."

We are exploring the possibility that UUs in Kentucky will be able to register through KUJJAN and get a reduced price. If you are interested in possibly doing **Beloved Conversations** online with other KUJJAN folks, please fill out this interest form (note: this is not a registration form, it is just to gauge interest).

D. If you are interested in being on the Racial Justice Issues team, which will define, plan and implement our approach to racial justice in the coming weeks and months, please fill out this doodle no later than 5pm ET on Thursday, August 13: <https://doodle.com/poll/tgfcvcqq4dvn69np>

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3. Invitation from our friends at the UU Living Legacy Project

In their ongoing FREE ONLINE series, "Voting Rights: The Struggle Continues," the Living Legacy Project's August program commemorates the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. However, in reality, the 19th Amendment only guaranteed the right of White women to vote. Native American women on reservations were not able to vote until the passage of the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924. African American women, especially those living in the Jim Crow South, were denied the right to vote through laws and practices that prevented them from even registering to vote. It was not until the abolition of the poll tax in 1964, and the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 that all women could exercise their right to vote.

Check out and register for their August 25 program, featuring three women who, through their lineage and their own activism, represent the struggle for all women's suffrage.

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4. Seeking a Logo

The "logo" you (maybe? hopefully?) see at the top of this newsletter was created because we needed something fast. It is, shall we say, *insufficient* to the task. Do you make logos for fun, or know someone who does? Please have them contact me for details!

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5. Coming Soon

A website, a facebook page, a facebook group, information about our partners, update from the coordinating team, update from the mission/vision/culture team, a schedule of our fall network gatherings, and SO MUCH MORE!

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That's it for now! Hope you enjoyed our first newsletter!!! The next one should come via our new system and have pretty pictures and be formatted a bit better, but I hope you can see why we just couldn't wait!