

## Where Can I Make a Difference?

It's easy to look at the range of issues calling out with increasing urgency to us today and be overwhelmed. We must not let those feelings turn into paralysis.

Let's start by breaking that question down into its two parts:

**Where** Focus your resources.

Where does your biggest concern or passion lie? Below you'll find a list of our teams working in social justice and some of our regular partners on key issues, all of whom are connected to local events and national networks. Look for groups who are led by those most impacted by their work and those building relationships.

**Can I make a difference?** Notice that I asked about your biggest passion? We've learned to ask, where are my skills? So, we may feel too new, too quiet, or even too knowledgeable for a certain job. We don't know how to jump in. Activism requires the work of all of us, those who pick up bullhorns and even more of those willing to do everything else. For all of us: Resist the temptation to think about what you have done and what you know. Show up. Help. Listen. Be curious.

Event notices and updates come quickly. Sign up for email lists; Connect on Facebook.

*Questions?*

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## FUS MINISTRY TEAMS

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### Equity Ministry Team

Anti-racism; self-education; local community-building, allyship in action  
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### MOSES Ministry Team

Incarceration, interfaith community building, juvenile justice, advocacy  
Also: [www.mosesmadison.org](http://www.mosesmadison.org)  
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### Water Sentinels Team

Water resources, rural & urban community building; wells; advocacy  
Liz, [lizmwessel@gmail.com](mailto:lizmwessel@gmail.com)

### Service Teams

Making meals, serving food, helping at shelters, varies by group

### Shelter Meals Ministry Team

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### The Road Home Ministry Team

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### The Salvation Army Ministry Team

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## PARTNERS

## ENVIRONMENT

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### John Muir Sierra Club

Water, pipelines, statewide community building, equity in environmental protection, transportation  
<http://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin>

### League of Conservation

**Voters** Water, community health, nonpartisan community building, Native Vote  
<http://conservationvoters.org/>

### 350 Madison Climate Action Team

<http://350madison.org/>

## GUN VIOLENCE

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### WI Anti-Violence Effort

Grassroots statewide coalition building, reducing gun injuries and deaths  
<http://www.waveedfund.org/>

## HOUSING

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### Madison Homeless and Affordable Housing Advocates United

Identifying people to attend committees meetings, press for action.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mhaahau/>

## LGBTQ RIGHTS

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### Freedom Inc.

(See listing under Racism)

### Fair Wisconsin

Organizing, advocacy, coalition building  
<http://fairwisconsin.com/>

### GSAFE

Safe schools for LGBTQ+  
<https://www.gsafewi.org/>

### Orgullo Latinx LGBT+

Community building, support  
<https://www.facebook.com/orgullolatinxlgbt/>

### OutReach Madison

Assistance, support and referral, education, advocacy  
<http://www.lgbtoutreach.org/>

## OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

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### Centro Hispano

Community engagement & support, youth empowerment, immigration  
<http://www.micentro.org/>

### Madinah Community Center

Activity hub, education  
<http://madisonmuslims.org/>

### Open Doors for Refugees

Welcoming refugees; supporting Jewish & Lutheran Social Services  
[OpenDoorsForRefugees@gmail.com](mailto:OpenDoorsForRefugees@gmail.com)

## **Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)**

Provides legal assistance to low-income residents regarding immigration law.

[www.cilcmadison.org/contact.html](http://www.cilcmadison.org/contact.html)

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## **REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

### **NARAL Pro-Choice WI**

Election organizing, safe accommodation for women, advocacy

<http://www.naacpofdaneco.org/>

### **Planned Parenthood WI**

Health care, education, advocacy

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-wisconsin>

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## **RACISM**

### **Families for Justice**

Engaging white parents & families in racial justice, learning advocacy

<http://www.familiesforjustice.org/>

### **Freedom, Inc.**

Organizing low-income communities, ending violence by race, gender, orientation, youth empowerment

<http://freedom-inc.org/>

### **Groundwork**

White people organizing for racial justice, education, collaboration

<https://groundworkmadison.com/>

### **NAACP of Dane County**

<http://www.naacpofdaneco.org/>

### **Urban League of Greater Madison**

Education, employment, empowerment

<http://www.ulgm.org/>

### **Young, Gifted and Black Coalition YGB**

Black liberation, organizing against state violence, Black, queer & feminist led

<http://ygbcoalition.org/>

### **YWCA of Madison**

Promoting race & gender equity, racism education, shelter, jobs

[www.ywcamadison.org](http://www.ywcamadison.org)

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## **VOTING RIGHTS**

### **NAACP of Dane County**

Civil rights; Moral Monday movement

<http://www.naacpofdaneco.org/>

### **League of Women Voters of Dane County**

Registering, informing voters about local government and how to use your voice.

[www.LWVDaneCounty.org](http://www.LWVDaneCounty.org)

### **League of Women Voters of WI**

State advocacy, challenged Voter ID in court

[www.LWVWI.org](http://www.LWVWI.org)

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## **WORKER RIGHTS**

### **Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice ICWJ**

Worker rights, income inequality, faith-labor community building

<http://workerjustice.org/>

### **South Central Federation of Labor**

Civil rights; Collective bargaining; election organizing and worker training

<http://www.scfl.org/>

### **Workers' Rights Center**

Information, advocacy, referral

<http://wrcmadison.org/WP/>

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## **INTERFAITH & OTHER STATEWIDE**

### **Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice** (See listing above)

### **Madison-Area Urban Ministry**

Prisoner re-entry and employment, advocacy for homeless and poor, interfaith community building

<http://emum.org/>

### **WI Faith Voices for Justice**

Advocacy on education, health, convenes Dignity at Work Coalition

<http://wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.weebly.com/>

### **WI Council on Children & Families**

Budgets, poverty, Race2Equity, childcare, juvenile justice

<http://www.wccf.org/>

### **WI Network for Peace & Justice WNPJ**

Sustainable world free from violence, organizing, Racial Justice Tipping Point

<http://www.wnpj.org/>

### **WISDOM**

Organizing interfaith statewide, on range of issues

(join locally - see MOSES Team)

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## **NATIONAL**

### **ACLU**

American Civil Liberties Union

<https://www.aclu.org/>

### **Movement for Black Lives**

Platform: <https://policy.m4bl.org/>

### **New Sanctuary Movement UUA**

<http://www.uua.org/immigration/witness/partners/newsanctuary>

### **Southern Poverty Law Center**

Fighting hate and bigotry, lawyers and advocates, tracking hate groups

<https://www.splcenter.org/>

### **Side with Love**

Campaign of UUA, fighting oppression, Black Lives Matter, immigration

<http://www.sidewithlove.org/>

### **Standing Up for Racial Justice**

National network organizing white people for racial justice

<http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org>

### **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee UUSC**

Human rights in US and around world. Water, workers, more.

<http://www.uusc.org/>

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