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**January 8, 2021**

**10:00 am**

**Human Rights  
Celebration**

**via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7709641470>

## **January Human Rights Day**

We will begin the new year with the Human Rights Celebration "Becoming One in 2021" on zoom on Friday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. A reminder with the link will be sent before that day. Here is the ZOOM LINK for our Jan 8 CWU celebration. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7709641470>

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in history. It was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on December 10, 1948 as a result of the second world war ending.

A Human Right is a right that is believed to belong justifiably to every person in the world. "Becoming One in 2021" refers to John 13:34-35. "A new command I give to you: love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another". Start the new year with inspiration.

We will recognize a major source of inspiration as we present the Church Women United Human Rights Award to Rabbi Bonnie Margulis. We include her biography as presented to national to support her receiving this award.

We will have a time at the end for a memorial for all the folks who have died in this pandemic. You are invited to have a candle to light or turn on at that time as we share via zoom.

## **Church Women United of Madison WI – Human Rights Award January 2021 to Rabbi Bonnie Margulis**

The Human Rights Award is presented to an individual(s) who has demonstrated a personal involvement in the struggle for human rights; who belongs to organizations that stand up for human rights, or who stands up for human rights as part of her job.

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis indeed meets and exceeds the expectations of the Human Rights Award.

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis is the founder and Executive Director of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice and Chair of the Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, as well as a member of the executive Committee of the NAACP of Dane County, and a founder and steering committee member for the Dane Sanctuary Coalition. She was a founding board member of We Are Many – United Against Hate.

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis is committed to advocate for the most vulnerable in society. She has empowered people of faith to speak out on issues of poverty, immigration, hunger, healthcare, and voting rights. Through her leadership, Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice has championed the rights of undocumented immigrants, the building of bridges with the Muslim community and generally promoting inter-faith dialogue and understanding.

In 2019 Rabbi Bonnie Margulis made a trip to the U.S.-Mexico border to visit a migrant shelter in Juarez, a detention center in New Mexico, a criminal court proceeding and the Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. Upon her return she shared her observations about the treatment of Asylum-seekers and undocumented immigrants with our Madison community through radio broadcasts, interviews etc.

Rabbi Margulis has served as a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Justice and Peace Committee and is a Past Chair of the Women’s Rabbinic Network Social Justice Committee. In addition, Rabbi Margulis has served as a member of the J Street National Advisory Board for Field and Grassroots Organizing. Rabbi Margulis is proud to have been a member of the Reform Jewish Movement’s Commission on Social Action, where she sat on the Women and Minorities Task Force.

From 1992-1996, Rabbi Margulis served as rabbi of the Blacksburg Jewish Community Center and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Hillel. During that time, she was also the coordinator of the Shenandoah Friends of Planned Parenthood, a grassroots education and advocacy group dedicated to preserving reproductive freedom. She has taught courses in Judaism and in Hebrew Bible at Washington and Lee University and at James Madison University in Virginia and has been an adjunct faculty member in the Religious Studies Department of Edgewood College, in Madison, WI.

## **Becoming One in 2021 “Experiencing Hope at the Table”**

### **THEME :**

The national theme for the 2021 celebrations is, “BECOMING ONE IN 2021” with the scripture reference of John 13:34-35 (NIV) – <sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

**What are Human Rights?** “A Human Right is a right that is believed to belong justifiably to every person.” The recognition and respect of people’s dignity, a set of moral and legal guidelines that promote and protect a recognition of our values, our identity and ability to ensure an adequate standard of living, and those rights associated with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights—  
<https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

Human Rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world from birth to death. They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe, or how you choose to live your life.

**Why we celebrate Human Rights Day**—The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly

on December 10, 1948 as a result of the Second World War. World leaders decided to adopt a road map to guarantee the rights of every individual everywhere and vowed never again to allow the atrocities of that war to happen again. Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on December 10<sup>th</sup>, to honor the United Nations General Assembly for declaring the human rights universally. However, Human Rights Day can be celebrated at any time throughout the year.

**Human Rights History**--On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This Declaration guarantees the rights of all people and encompasses a broad spectrum of economic, social, cultural, political, and civil rights. (from Human Rights Resource Center-University of Minnesota)

### **Anna Eleanor Roosevelt**

October 11, 1884 –November 7, 1962--was an American political figure, diplomat and activist. She served as the First Lady of the United States from March 4, 1933, to April 12, 1945, during her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office, making her the longest-serving First Lady of the United States.

Roosevelt served as United States Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from 1945 to 1952.

She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African Americans and Asian Americans, and the rights of World War II refugees. Following her husband's death in 1945, Roosevelt remained active in politics for the remaining 17 years of her life.

She pressed the United States to join and support the United Nations and became its first delegate. She served as the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and oversaw the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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**UNIVERSAL DECLARATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR)  
BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET**

Psalm 82:3-4 - New International Version (NIV)

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Galatians 3:28 - New International Version (NIV)

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Proverbs 31:8-9 - New International Version (NIV)

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Micah 6:8 - New International Version (NIV)

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

**Questions to Ponder:**

1. What are the basic rights included in the UDHR?
2. What does each verse tell us about human rights?
3. How do these verses relate to us today in our society?

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