

Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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November 6, 2020

10:00 am

World Community Day

via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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World Community Day

Once more we will gather on Zoom from 9:30 -11 am on Friday, November 6, to worship and to focus on global peace and justice. CWU's Vision for the Future. **Resolve to Love** is the theme. Join other women from Madison-area congregations for remote fellowship, including prayer, song, and a short program. All are welcome. Make plans to participate and tell a friend.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Christy Clark-Pujara

- Associate Professor of History Afro-American Studies Dept. UW-Madison

Dr. Clark-Pujara is a historian whose research focuses on the experiences of Black people in French and British North America in the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries.

The morning is co-hosted by the women of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Grace Episcopal Church Questions? Contact Lynn McDonald lynn.mcdonald@gmail.com

October Forum

On October 2 at 10 am. Ms Pia Kinney joined us on Zoom to discuss her chapter in the *Nine African American Families*. This book grew out of a writing group of 9 to 12 women who wanted to hand down family stories, which led them to genealogy as part of their efforts to share. They chose stories, put the book together for loved ones, self-financed, got a grant through Dane County, and got enough copies for family members and Madison's libraries.

Pia Kinney James was born and raised in Madison. Her family has been here since the early 1900's. Her interest in genealogy grew from her mother's desire to find her family, both siblings and aunts and uncles. A searing look at what Black families encountered right here in Madison, in Wisconsin. Children taken from parents, split up, banished.

Pia discovered racism in her teens. She was the first African American female police officer in Madison, and spent 29 years as a community-oriented officer who put herself in others' shoes. Neighborhoods, schools were her focus. She has seen changes in both directions in the police department and is a proponent of Peace and Justice for all. The wealth of stories invited others to share their experiences. This was a very rich and satisfying time of discussion.

Openings on Madison CWU board

Our Madison Ecumenical Center needs a treasurer and a board member, and our Madison Area Religious and Human Resources Directory needs a producer. Check with Ann Sowaske (sowaskeann@gmail.com) about these positions, and with Ruth Hein (rich4parse@charter.net) on the directory.

From Gloria Carter CWU in Wisconsin - Social Justice Statements

The following statement was proposed by Lynn McDonald at the annual meeting at Holy Wisdom Monastery on September 7, 2019:

“We of Church Women United-Wisconsin wish to advocate for the humane treatment of children and families and others at the Mexican border. We support all people fleeing from violence and injustice, and we remember that our Lady Liberty welcomes all who come here in peace.”

A straw vote of the proposal was acknowledged by those present by a show of hands and referred to the Board for further action. The statement was verbally supported by the Board of Directors present at the meeting at the UCC Conference Center in Deforest, WI on October 10, 2019. Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to have an official vote. We asked each unit president to read it at the World Community Day Celebration in November. It was subsequently passed at a later meeting.

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The following social justice statement was created by Kris Clausing. It will be voted on at the assembly business meeting on October 22nd.

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, and theologically inclusive Christian women’s movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

Therefore; Church Women United in Wisconsin supports the Black Lives Matter goals to end police brutality and systemic racism in our country. We base our support on the preamble of our Constitution, which lists justice as one of its five goals, and on the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We call on our government, our businesses, our educational systems, our law enforcement, and most of all, our individual selves, to step up to meet the challenge to insure fair treatment for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, faith, lifestyle, immigration status or economic means. It is our right and our duty to protest whenever we see any word or deed that interferes with justice and fairness.

Announcing the 2020-2022

Madison Area Religious and Human Resources Directory

The New Directory is fresh off the press and available to order: See the attachment to this Newsletter for the order form.

The Directory has a new look. It is now 8 1/2 by 11 size sheets, so the print is a little larger, and for future editions we will be able to send inserts for the updated copy. There are about 300 faith communities listed and 300 human resource agencies, as well as special listings for Emergency Community Resources for Food, Shelter and Clothing; an Emergency/Hotline/Crisis-Stress/Information Chart; and a page on End of Life Services. Any Questions, phone Ruth Hein-Church Women United and Madison Ecumenical Center Outreach at 608-347-4724.

Volunteer opportunity

Looking for a volunteer to organize, update and do tracking for the next edition of the Religious and Human Resource Directory. We are looking for someone who is organized and can comfortably work in Word and Excel. Cherie Imhoff had this role for the recent publication. She has created a guideline and has offered to train her successor and supply the documentation and spreadsheets needed. The training would start after the first of the year and would include a session or two reviewing the guideline and doing hands on introduction to the documentation.

Please let us know if you are interested. Cherie is willing to talk to anyone interested to answer any questions. Please let Ruth Hein know via phone or text if you are interested and she will put you in contact with Cherie. Thanks Much.

Ruth Hein 608-347-4724 (cell)

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