

INTERFAITH COALITION FOR EARTH JUSTICE



September Newsletter of ICEJ
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NEWS ITEMS

- **Virtual Gathering of Religious Leaders: 9/29**
- **Poor People's Campaign**
- **SANDAG's Big 5 Moves update**
- **Anti-racism training**
- **Faith and Climate**



ICEJ meets

Sept. 10 @ 3:30 p.m.

[Join us!](#)

VIRTUAL GATHERING OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS, SEPT. 29

Equity in Climate Justice: A Religious Response

San Diego Interfaith Regional Gathering

Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - noon

ICEJ will be helping to facilitate the break out rooms at the upcoming virtual gathering of SDRIC on Sept. 29.

The topic discussed will be Equity in Climate Justice: A Religious Response.



Dr. Ramanathan



Sonja Robinson

Featured Speakers will be Dr. V. "Ram" Ramanathan, Professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Sonja Robinson of the Environmental and Justice Committee, NAACP San Diego. This Zoom Meeting requires registration. To register, go to [SDRIC](#).

2021 REGIONAL PLAN WORKS TO SOLVE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES



[Click here](#) to hear more on how San Diego's Regional Plan will work to create Better Access, Better Equity in moving goods and people around San Diego.

On July 22, ICEJ co-hosted with sandiego350's transportation team, **Transportation solutions with SANDAG** Executive Director, Hasan Ikhata. Along with his team they provided an update on the regional transportation vision, the 5 big moves, and what they are learning from the COVID-19 crisis. Over 90 people registered for the online event.

San Diego's Regional Plan uses Human Design, which is a creative approach to problem solving. It starts with people's needs and ends with innovative solutions.

Why Should Faith Leaders & Faith Communities Support the 5 Big Moves?

Healthier Communities

Underserved communities disproportionately suffer from increased air pollution.



THERE IS NO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WITHOUT RACIAL JUSTICE



**Support the
[Poor People's Campaign](#)**

The Poor Peoples Campaign (PPC) has been hosting Moral Mondays to actively fight for present social justice issues. On August 24th, PPC hosted a National Moral Monday Digital March on McConnell to demand a comprehensive relief package and full funding of the USPS. To receive more information about events such as these, sign up for email notifications [here!](#)

Care for Earth our Common Home

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As advocates for the environment, we must also work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help mitigate the continual warming of our planet which hurts the most vulnerable in our communities and world.

RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING



Several ICEJ members received Racial Justice Training in August, alongside members of San Diego 350 (SD350). Blair Overstreet, from the San Diego nonprofit, Showing up for Racial Justice (SURJ), led the training.

ICEJ members shared some key takeaway's about the training:

"Blair's training for me was very informative, stimulating, and expertly facilitated. Her timely content underscored the intersection of racial and climate justice - challenging us to take the necessary steps towards achieving greater engagement and participation of those too often absent from our community circle," said **Dan Tomskey**.

Phil Petrie, shared, "We must de-center ourselves, make every effort to see the world through BIPOC eyes, and check our tendency to reinforce our privilege. This sounds a lot like old-fashioned humility and for persons of faith, our traditions already put cultivating humility front and center."

Anti-Racism Resources:

[103 Things White People can do for Racial Justice](#)

[15 Books for those of us who want to be actively anti-racist](#)

[Black Lives Matter: San Diego](#)

Climate Change, Our Faith Values, and 2020: Conversation Between Dr. Katharine Hayhoe and Rev. Susan Hendershot - Sept. 14 @ noon

Climate scientist and evangelical, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, will join Rev. Susan Hendershot to discuss the latest outlook on climate change, and how to communicate the climate message effectively, from a position of shared values.

Hosted by Interfaith Power & Light, Catholic Climate Covenant, and Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, this webinar will discuss effective ways to talk to your faithful friends and colleagues about the importance of caring for creation and voting our values.

This webinar takes place on Monday, September 14th at noon: [click here to register!](#)



MEET THE COALITION

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We are clergy and laypeople from diverse faith backgrounds, working together to empower faith communities to advocate and educate around climate justice. We provide presentations, outreach, and educational materials.

We are building our coalition, and new members are always welcome to join us! To have you or your organization join ICEJ, please email our coordinator, Rev. Jeanette Bragunier at [**faithandclimate@gmail.com**](mailto:faithandclimate@gmail.com).