



*Welcome to Spring*  
*May 2022 Social Justice News*

What an extraordinary world we live in! God's blessings are abundant - as well as reminders of the work to be done. We have two primary focuses as United Women In Faith - 1) Climate Justice and 2) Racial Justice. Opportunities abound in both areas as well as so many others. The work can feel overwhelming, but the truth is that change starts with us - working together, taking one step at a time. Read on and see if the spirit moves you to get involved.

Blessings,  
Ari Shaffer

**Interesting Read:**

It's nearly time to plant some seeds and I found a great article on eco-friendly practices. If you'd like to check it out, here's the link:

<https://www.homesandgardens.com/gardens/create-an-eco-friendly-garden-220348>

There's a wonderful 12 minute TED Talk (by Monique Morris, the author of our 2021 reading list book - Push Out) on how black girls are marginalized in our schools. If you'd like to learn more about this and how you can help, you can check it out here:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/monique\\_w\\_morris\\_why\\_black\\_girls\\_are\\_targeted\\_for\\_punishment\\_at\\_school\\_and\\_how\\_to\\_change\\_that?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/monique_w_morris_why_black_girls_are_targeted_for_punishment_at_school_and_how_to_change_that?language=en)

**Action Item:**

This month, I'm encouraging women to consider a visit to the larger UWF website to learn more about opportunities to save the planet. You can explore ways to share your

gifts, find prayers, learn about places to volunteer, and find ways to connect with others.

<https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/climate-justice/>

If racial justice is more your speed, you might consider learning more at

<https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>

You can read more about the issues and how UWF are making a difference. They also have some great ideas about how to be an advocate.

**Please join me in prayer:**

Lord, we thank you for all of your blessings and the abundance that we see all around us. Help us to find joy and peace in our own lives as we work for justice to help those without a voice. We pray for our planet and the suffering climate change is causing. We pray that you help us to find avenues of action to help create a healthy home for future generations. Lord, help us to see racial injustice when it is happening and to open our ears and our hearts to learn how we can use our advantages to help those who have not had the same opportunities. Amen