



Welcome to the October 2024 Edition of the Social Justice News for United Women in Faith

As I look out my window, my big Ash tree has just one tiny branch with leaves turning red. This change of season always sends me into a place where I want to understand things more deeply and gain a new perspective. I'm reminded of the song "Day by Day" in the fall.

Autumn calls me to examine how I can see the spirit of Source more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow Christ more nearly. It's a good time for that.

As I was considering what to share regarding racial justice, I came across this amazing video from the United Methodist Church on dismantling racism. I learned some new perspectives and wanted to share: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/dismantling-racism-service-of-lament>

October is also a great time to make some calls and write some letters, so consider this a call to action! From The United Women in Faith website, here's more information and an easy way to help make big changes. Take action for climate change: <https://p2a.co/J1FJexa>

Our friend Judy McGoogin is hard at work on environmental justice. Here's an update from her on what's happening:

Exciting things are happening on the Creation Care front. I met our new bishop, Kristin Stoneking at MSC's United Women of Faith Assembly on Saturday, and she is endorsing the work we are doing. If you like, I'll email you a photo of us in front of the Creation Justice poster at MSC Team's Social Justice table.

1. You can learn about the grant at CU Boulder's website : <https://ranrm.com> It provides information and guidance on how Rocky Mountain nonprofits can apply for grants from the Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits program to support energy

efficiency projects. Broomfield UMC is using results from the trial Level 2 audit to update our Renew America's Nonprofits grant application

2. I am working on an action plan for a Creation Care Shepherds Program. It is about starting a Creation Care Shepherds Program to help Mountain Sky Conference churches collaborate on energy efficiency initiatives and apply for grants to reduce carbon emissions and lower utility costs.
3. Yesterday, I learned that our EarthKeepers grant for \$20,000 to promote the RAN Grant and assist with LED upgrades (focused on disadvantaged churches in the conference) has been approved.

Volunteers to make calls to churches in our district about these opportunities would really be appreciated. I could also use some help writing a script for volunteers to use. I would be happy to set up a Zoom meeting for those who are interested to answer questions.

A prayer to share:

We stand together against all forms of oppression over every woman in the world.

We pray that You break all forms of limitation mindset in every woman.

We pray for every woman that has been held captive under the spirit of fear.

We pray oh lord for every person under the yoke of human trafficking worldwide.

We pray together for our climate and our world. May peace prevail!