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CUSH Qrtrly: News and Opportunities to Collaborate

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Welcome to the CUSH Quarterly Newsletter!

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- Want to join? Let us know!

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2021: Productive Action and *Forward Facing*

2020 gave us time for some reflection and planning for the future. Our mission to actively live our faith and values in the pursuit of justice through advocacy, education and empowerment is stronger than ever... along with the energy to grow. Read on for what we have in store and how you can take part!

As congregations are coming back to meeting in person as are CUSH task forces and the Religious Leaders Caucus, we are excited to have more news about what is happening through our member congregations and beyond. Those positive stories will be the focus of our next issue in September.

Read on to see how you can get involved!

Current Actions

CUSH ISSUES ASSEMBLY

Thursday, July 15
5:30-7:30pm
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001-80th St.

Join us to help shape the next issue actions for CUSH!

What to expect:

- * The opportunity to forward an issue important to you!
- * Collaboration opportunities for social justice in our community
- * A positive evening with positive people
- * Caucus-style decision making
- * Sweet Treats provided by the CUSH Board

Attend to listen OR prepare to speak for up to 3 minutes as to why those in attendance should vote to make your issue one of the next CUSH actions.

Facilitators:

David Liners - WISDOM Executive Director
Lori Hawkins - CUSH Organizer

*Reservations suggested but not mandatory - cushkenosha@gmail.com
CDC safety precautions will be practiced.*

CUSH's Issues Assembly is important for the direction of CUSH. It will serve as our annual meeting and an evening to plan our path.

Please join us.

The success of past CUSH Task Forces and issue actions were possible due to the participation of our membership and the community at large.

Advocate for Access to the Ballot Box!

CUSH is joining Souls to the Polls, RIC of Racine, and MICAHA of Milwaukee in asking our local chambers of commerce to send a message to our state legislators that we reject voter suppression legislation currently in the Wisconsin state legislature. To do the same, contact your state legislators:

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

Gun Violence Prevention

CUSH has joined Wisconsin Anti Violence Effort (WAVE), MICAHA, Forward Latino, and other action groups to ask Gov. Evers to commit to using funds from the American Rescue Plan to invest in proven models to combat community gun violence.

Specifically, we ask that 1% of our allotment go into evidence-based gun prevention models throughout our state. We will keep you up to date as we hear more about this effort.

CUSH Calendar

JULY

15th - 5:30-7:30pm - Issues Assembly

- @ St. Mary's Lutheran Church
- CUSH is choosing issues of focus for the rest of 2021 and beyond! The community is invited to collaborate. If you have an issue of focus that you'd like CUSH to pick up, or if you want to hear what ideas are out there so that you can jump in and join us, then please attend!

AUGUST

17th - 5-7pm - School of Democracy

- WISDOM's taking this one on the road! They are offering trainings in affiliate communities to talk about why local elections matter, and to let us know how our vote directly impacts our lives for local offices. More info to come on our website, Facebook, and in e-blasts in July.

30th - 6:30-9pm - Corner Bakery Fundraiser

- Corner Bakery will donate 20% of its profits to CUSH during this time. Take Out and Delivery.

Save the Date!

October 28th - CUSH Banquet

- Italian American Club
- Exact evening time to be announced

Upcoming Meetings:

CUSH Board - 4th Thursday of the Month
6:30pm

Immigration Task Force - 2nd Tuesday of the Month 11:30am

Racial Equity Task Force - Next meeting July 13th 5:30-7pm, location TBD.

Transportation Task Force - Varies

See Task Force News section
for additional details.



Eat to Support CUSH!

Corner Bakery

take out and delivery fundraiser

August 30 6:30-9:00pm

9250 76th St.

Pleasant Prairie, WI

20% of proceeds go to CUSH to further our mission.

Task Force News

Immigration

The CUSH Immigration Task Force was instrumental in bringing COVID Vaccination Information billboards to Kenosha along with Kenosha County. The task force is continuing to advocate for Drivers Licenses for undocumented Wisconsinites by contacting our legislators. You can read the latest Immigration Task Force Newsletter [HERE](#).



Racial Equity

The Racial Equity Task Force is moving forward with bringing Implicit Bias Training to CUSH Congregations beginning in August with future plans to share the training with the Kenosha community at large. This newest of CUSH's task forces continues to define its mission and action plan to help bring greater equity and justice to Kenosha. Please join us! If interested, please contact Chair Mary Kay Schleiter at mks@wi.rr.com



Transportation

After being instrumental in helping to expand bus routes, the Transportation Task Force is discussing its next action, possibly including the location of the transfer center or an expanded bike lane on 80th St. If you would like to take part in this work, please contact Chair Rich Mich at shercookr@yahoo.com.

