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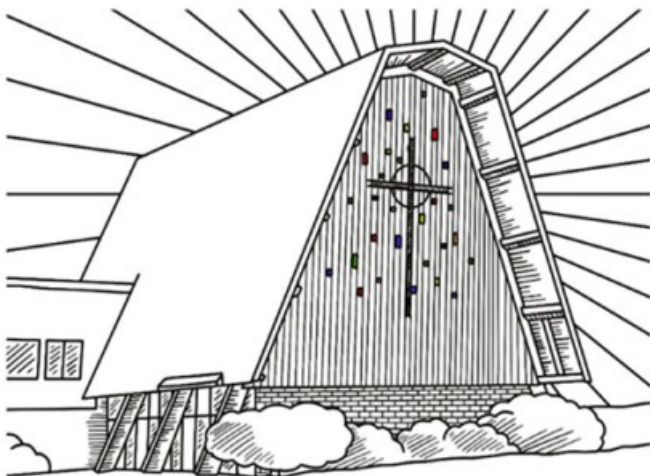
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Founded February 12, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's foremost, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. It's more than half-million members and supporters throughout the US and the world and are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, leading grassroots campaigns for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.



David Liners
Executive Director



2023 started with a flurry of activity for WISDOM. There was a very important spring election in April. Throughout the state we worked to educate our members about the issues involved and the importance of voting. Once again, RIC’s “Turn Up the Vote” campaign was a model for many organizations. Then, on April 27, nearly 600 WISDOM members from around the state gathered for Madison Action Day. Madison Action Day was the highlight of our work to advocate for priorities in the state budget. While we were not as successful as we had hoped, we were able to see another significant increase in Treatment Alternatives and Diversions and, importantly, no money set aside to build any new prisons.

Our state-level advocacy is not yet done for the year. We still have hopes that the legislature will finally take a serious look at opening the possibility for everyone (including undocumented workers) to obtain a driver’s license. We hope to be talking about that in the fall.

The second half of 2023 is when we have returned to something like “normal.” After the pandemic, we are back to having more meetings and trainings in person. And, we have a whole year without a major high-stakes statewide election, and two years before the next state budget! Most of our WISDOM organizations have taken this time to reach out to invite new people to participate in our work and in our many local and statewide issues, ranging from Transformational Justice, to Housing, to Mental Health, Rights of Nature and Environmental Justice. We’ve used this as a time to offer more leadership training for new and experienced members.

2023 has also marked the beginning of an important new initiative that originates from our many faith leaders. That is a campaign to stand up to “Christian” Nationalism. Amanda Tyler of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, says, “Christian nationalism is a political ideology and cultural framework that seeks to fuse American and Christian identities. It suggests that ‘real’ Americans are Christians and that ‘true’ Christians hold a particular set of political beliefs.” Many of us are tired of people using religious language to justify intolerance toward anyone seen as “other.” It is exciting that our faith leaders in WISDOM and the Gamaliel network have chosen to instead lift up a vision in which we ALL belong to the Beloved Community that Dr. King spoke of. 2024 will be a year to build on all that we are doing. And, of course, it will be another big election! Time again to remind people that, for our democracy to work for the good of all people, we need everyone to participate!

Wisdom Prophetic Declaration

Where there is division, we declare unity.

Where there is hatred, we declare love.

Where there is lack, we declare abundance.

Where there is desolation, we declare renewal.

Where there is discouragement, we declare hope.

Where there is lack of strength, we declare power.

ABOUT RIC

RIC is a Racine nonprofit organization made up of 26 congregations or affiliates who are united in our belief in the inherent value of every individual and our shared obligation to create a fairer, more equitable, and more just community. The issues we tackle, and the projects we undertake, are driven by our vision and mission, our faith traditions, the commitment of our volunteers, and the statewide programs of the faith-based organization with which we are affiliated (WISDOM).

Our Vision:

We inspire and mobilize faith-based congregations to address issues of economic and social injustice through education, advocacy and community organizing.

Our Mission:

To inspire and mobilize faith-based congregations to address issues of economic and social injustice through education, advocacy and community organizing.

RIC Congregations/Organizations

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Linda Boyle

Racine Interfaith Coalition

Linda Boyle and Tammy Hayward **Co-Presidents**



Tammy Hayward

The Racine Interfaith Coalition has experienced exciting developments during its 30th year. Our brand-new Environmental Justice Task Force has taken over the lead abatement initiative, disseminating educational materials and attempting to establish testing facilities in neighborhoods. Also, our newly formed Education Task Force is identifying sources of sufficient funding for special education in RUSD led by our new chair Mike Frontier. The Transformational Justice Task Force will continue to conduct Court Observation in Felony Court and will collaborate with the Joshua Glover Bail Fund to continue to assist those they have helped as they proceed through the adjudication process. To help people and their families who are dealing with the legal system for the first time, some formerly incarcerated friends and members of EXPO will get Participatory Defense training. This project will be overseen and supported by RIC and other organizations. The Immigration Task Force recently launched the new Immigrant Legal Services Initiative and is now serving Immigrants on the first and third Saturdays of every month for low- or no-cost certified legal assistance with paperwork. This has taken more than five years to complete. We continue to hold Prayer Vigils at the site of violent fatalities and mourn the fact that there have been so many this year. Our Turn Up The Vote Task Force is preparing for the upcoming elections under the leadership of Richard Glasenapp, after a record-breaking year in 2022.

Like the Hospitality Center, the Burlington Coalition for Dismantling Racism is now an official member of RIC. We continue to partner on numerous projects. A new church is joining RIC, while a second is on the verge. This means that Ri' Witer, our Community Organizer, is doing a fantastic job of getting us into the community. We've attended numerous events where we've represented RIC and distributed information. We are also partnering with the new Spanish Center in Racine on several projects.

Our Administrative and Executive Boards as well as our Task Forces are meeting in person at our office once again. It is great to be back together, but we are appreciative of the technology that allowed us to continue working remotely together during COVID-19. Asia Koblanska has joined us as our Office Administrator part-time in addition to Ri' Witer, our Organizer who is full-time. Our Digital Organizer, Amanda Ali continues working virtually from her home in Sterling Heights a quarter of the time.

Our events such as the Love and Justice Breakfast, Food Truck Festival, and 30 Year Anniversary Celebration were all very successful and well attended. We still need every church and every individual to contribute to our financial stability as we move into a time when our largest grant is no longer available to us. Come and be a part of our next 30 years, creating the Beloved Community.

Linda Boyle & Tammy Hayward, RIC Co-Presidents



Sue Spicer

Immigration Task Force Sue Spicer and Linda Boyle Co-Chairs



Linda Boyle

Once again, our Task Force has had a busy year. In-person activities and meetings are increasing as we start to leave Covid behind. We kept providing aid to Afghan families. Most of our founding families have either moved on to other states or are financially independent. Two families are now staying at Sacred Heart. They get along incredibly well, are enrolled in school, and are taking English classes.

Throughout this year, we met with our federal legislators a number of times. We had a meeting with Senator Baldwin's aide to discuss the senators' views on immigration and other immigration-related matters. We received receptive answers to our inquiries. Later, the co-chairs were asked by the Senator's staff to provide a list of the worst problems facing immigrants in the Southeast area. In a meeting with fellow senators from the Midwest, Senator Baldwin used that information. Bryan Steil was not reachable when we tried to schedule the appointment. We attempted to speak with our local lawmakers on Madison Action Day, but they weren't in their offices.

We also sent letters to federal lawmakers. We expressed our worries about border circumstances in a letter to the Chair of the Federal Commission on Border Security. We also submitted letters in response to President Biden's new idea to utilize a phone app to register asylum seekers before they arrive at the border. The strategy is still in effect. TUTV has grown so popular from our efforts to increase civic engagement in three targeted communities, that it formed its own Task Force, which you can learn about in another section of this book. Our Task Force members took our message to a number of fairs and gatherings where we were invited to host tables. We were at North Pointe Church, the library, and the opening of the new Spanish Center on Douglas Avenue to name a few.

We are still working on obtaining driver licenses for immigrants at the state level. Getting people to work is a critical issue for business, agriculture, and manufacturing. We are working with other organizations to advance this topic in our legislation. Currently, our biggest priority is passing Senate Bill 78 which allows DACA recipients to enter into law enforcement.

Our crowning glory of this year is the opening of our Immigrant Services Legal Initiative. We have two members approved by the Justice Department and a team of six volunteers opened the office two Saturdays each month. This has been a long-term project of over five years, and it came to fruition in September with an open house. We are helping immigrants with their federal paperwork at last. Come join the immigration task force, we have many opportunities available for you! We are a fun bunch and you'll enjoy it.

Get Involved

**Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm
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Richard Glasenapp

Turn Up the Vote Task Force Richard Glasenapp Chair

Turn Up The Vote this past year, as in past years, has concentrated our voter engagement efforts in areas of Racine that have traditionally had low voter turn out. We believe that one of the most effective ways to increase voter participation is to educate/ inform voters regarding how the different levels of government and the elected officials at each level enact policies that impact their daily lives.

We created documents, in English and Spanish, that told which offices are on the ballot, what that office was responsible for, and gave election dates. We also passed out information telling voters how to register and what documents they would need to register.

We got this information to voters in a number of ways: going door to door in our targeted neighborhoods, setting up tables at various business locations, mailing post cards, and social media posts (Facebook, email and Instagram).

In addition to the above activities we also gave rides to the polls and to the DMV for persons who needed assistance with voting and registration. For the 2022 August primary and the 2022 November midterms our volunteers reached more that 11,000 prospective voters. Our digital efforts reached over 10,000 persons.

For the 2023 February primary and the 2023 April general election we dropped literature on over 1,000 doors and had more than 500 contacts recorded at our table locations. We also mailed out 500 post cards. None of this would have happened if it weren't for our volunteers. In addition to our local volunteers, we had groups join us from Seattle and Illinois. Each of you know who you are - THANK YOU for giving your time in this important work. Thanks also to the businesses who let us set up our tables.

This past summer we also had a presence at the Health Resource Fair at the North Point Methodist Church, Juneteenth celebration and Racine's 175th Birthday Bash. Many of the issues that our RIC task forces work on require government action at either the local, county, state or federal level. Informing voters and getting them to the polls is critical to RIC's mission. 2024 promises to be a critical election year. We have a long way to go to ensure every person who is able to get out to vote.

Get Involved

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Carl Fields

**Transformational Justice
Carl Fields and Greg Petro
Co-Chairs**



Greg Petro

The past year has been a busy one for the Transformational Justice Task Force. We attended many court hearings at both the Law Enforcement Center and the Racine County Courthouse. We became familiar with the various types of court hearings and some of the judges, court commissioners, and attorneys in both the State Public Defender’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office.

Throughout the year task force members shared their latest court observation experiences and impressions at our monthly meetings. Some basic observations from our time in court this year include: many cases are delayed due to lack of public defenders, scheduled times for specific cases are unreliable, a lack of clarity concerning how bail amounts are determined, high numbers of bail jumping charges, excessive court fees, and the prevalence of cases involving firearms, domestic violence, and various types of drug offenses.

We engaged with many who are involved in the criminal legal system in Racine: Erin Preston of the Racine Office of the State Public Defender (obstacles to obtaining justice for their clients), local defense attorney David Patton (question and answer session), former Racine Journal Times court reporter Dee Hozel (experiences and observed problems with the Racine court system), and county board supervisor Nick Demske (Joshua Glover Justice Fund).

Task force member Dant’e Cottingham gave periodic updates on the newly formed Participatory Defense group. We intend to support this group once it becomes operational by attending requested court hearings.

Task force co-chair Carl Fields gave us a presentation on understanding who the various groups are involved with reforming the criminal legal system and how we might work more effectively with them.

We are currently beginning to investigate how bail amounts are determined in Racine and their fairness. In addition, we are developing a PowerPoint presentation to aid us in inviting others to join our task force as well as providing information on court observations, the Joshua Glover Justice Fund, and the Participatory Defense group.

Get Involved

**Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm
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Environmental Justice Task Force



An Environmental Justice Task Force has been established by the Racine Interfaith Coalition. Our team has quickly expanded, gaining many allies in the fight for environmental justice while paying attention to those who have been impacted and community leaders who see the need for lead abatement. Racine has the most instances of lead poisoning in children in the State, second only to Milwaukee. The prevalence of lead paint in the older housing stock in our neighborhood is the main factor contributing to its seriousness. Lead poisoning damages children permanently as they grow, resulting in lower IQ, hyperactivity, behavioral issues, and learning difficulties that have an impact on academic progress and the future of our community.

We think that education—of parents, healthcare professionals, and the general public—is the key to solving this problem. With the ultimate goal of seeing no Racine children with lead poisoning, the task force has created an action plan and is moving forward with a lead-free Racine Project. Along with providing presentations to important community groups, task force members have been handing out flyers in both English and Spanish to schools, daycare centers, neighborhoods, and events. By adhering to the CDC's advice that kids should have three tests by the time they are three, we intend to step up our outreach efforts. It is really exciting that we will start testing in the new year with assistance from the Racine County Healthcare facility. In addition to contacting people with appointment reminders, RIC will advertise and canvass communities. In this outreach, we want to involve young people.

Following our mission to uphold our beliefs and God's command to always care for the environment is a second significant project. In order to achieve this goal, the task force recently partnered with WISDOM and our affiliate from the Menominee nation to gain statewide background through a Rights of Nature movement. The goal is to simply recognize law and policy, legal rights of the natural world, rights of an eco-system, rights of water, rights of species, and restoration of wetlands. Every Wisconsin county will have Rights of Nature resolutions created. For Racine County, a task force subcommittee is currently working on a resolution.

On September 16th, the Siena Center hosted the Season of Creation ecumenical prayer service as a way of honoring the natural world. Many members of the task force participated with them on the Siena grounds. Let Justice and Peace Flow was the rallying cry. Everyone is welcome to join the activities of the RIC Environmental Justice Task Force. You can affect change! Let everyone of us be a conduit for justice and peace.

Get Involved

Meetings: First Friday of every month at 10 am
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Education Task Force

The RIC Education Task Force which was active this summer and fall, under the leadership of Dr. Michael Frontier, took on the job of lobbying the Wisconsin legislature to increase funding for Special Education to match the mandates they set forth. This has been a long standing problem, but it leaves our school districts with no alternative but to take funding from other areas of their budgets such as regular education. While we were not successful in securing the funding changes we sought, we did a good job of making the public aware of the problem. We also had a number of excellent speakers address our group such as the President of the School Board and the Acting Superintendent. We hope to continue our work in the new year on this and other issues. Watch our Facebook page and Website for further information.



Fr. Yeprem Kelegian

Prayer Vigils

For over 25 years, when there is a violent death, RIC members visit the site of the tragedy. As Jesus would be present in situations of pain in order to heal, we also come to pray for healing of the family and our beloved City of Racine. We offer support to the grieving family and friends. We also remember that the deceased is our brother or sister.

Each time there is a violent death, we are all diminished. We ask not "for whom the bell tolls." With songs, led by Tony Roland, and prayer we re-sanctify the ground where blood was spilled. And we embrace the fact that with prayer, God bids us to take action. That is what RIC is about.....seeking solutions to violence and working for justice. "Justice and peace must kiss (Ps . 85:10b)"





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Community Organizer — Ri' Witer

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As an organizer, it is my goal to connect and build long-lasting relationships within the community. When we choose to work together as a united people, made up of clergy, congregations, community leaders, families, friends, and associates we become powerful and gain the ability to make positive and lasting change. It is only through the bringing together of our gifts and talents we become one, we become whole and able to meet the needs of those around us. There should be no us and them, no lines and divisions, no competitions but striving together to create the Beloved Community. As people of faith, we are called to peace and unity, acceptance, and inclusion, of love and compassion, and to do no harm to anyone.

2023 is RIC's 30th year and we are finishing strong! Coming out of the pandemic we had to re-adjust and reorganize, our meetings have gone live again; and we are able to enjoy events and activities in person. Our annual, "Love and Justice Breakfast" proved to be our most successful. We had a beautiful, relaxing time at our "Food Truck Festival" and we rallied at "Madison Action Day". Our "College Readiness Program" was a success and our "Immigration Legal Services Initiative" opened in September, and very soon we will see lead testing again for Racine children. We have tabled, canvassed, held prayer vigils, gathered, supported, and shared our resources at events and fairs. We have grown to 5 Task Forces, bringing in new members. Recently we joined together for our 30 Year Celebration, we laughed, cried, remembered where we started, and looked ahead to our next 30 years. "We" did this together and together we will continue, "We" are Racine Interfaith Coalition, and "We" will stand and raise our voices for those who can't.

This all takes time and money. You have given both and I know you will continue. I will also continue to seek out grants, develop fundraisers, and connect with the community for the purpose of serving humanity. Together we will create "The Beloved Community". I thank you for the opportunity to serve and RIC thanks you for your continued support.

Digital Organizer — Amanda Ali

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2023 marks two years as a Digital Organizer for RIC. I am very happy to being working for RIC remotely from my new home of Sterling Heights, Michigan! I find that even if I am in another state, I can contribute to making a difference in my hometown and community. Racine will always have a place in my heart.



This year, my role as Digital Organizer developed as I attended various trainings to advance my skills including Digital Organizer School in Texas. I not only create content for social media, create targeted emails and manage our membership virtually but I also work on the Immigration Task Force. As a Palestinian-American Muslim, I am very proud to be working on immigration issues because I know first-hand the importance it is to support our immigrant community. Immigrants are the backbone of America; they are often times our farmers, laborers, and businessmen among others. My family owns many small-businesses in Racine and made a life for themselves after pursuing the American dream in the 80s. Had they not taken a chance on themselves, I am not sure where I would be today. In 2024, I hope to make positive change for immigrants such as restoring driver's licenses for undocumented or creating new job opportunities in the law enforcement sector for DACA recipients. Stay tuned and stay in touch to learn more!

Supporting RIC Financially

The Racine Interfaith Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded by membership dues from our member congregations, grants, fundraising events, advertising in our annual report, and the contributions of individual donors. Throughout the past 30 years, the generosity of our community has allowed us to be consistent in our efforts to create a Beloved Community where every member contributes to the health and well being of all and inclusion, justice, equity and compassion prevail. We take our fiscal responsibilities very seriously and our only paid staff are one part-time Organizer, one full-time Organizer and a part-time Office Administrator. All other tasks, including grant writing, event planning and task force leadership are carried out by unpaid volunteers. Our volunteer Board of Directors, made up of representatives of each of our member churches plus officers and executive committee members, are diligent in their monthly review of our budget and expenditures.

Sustaining Membership

Because grants can come and go and the success of fundraisers can vary, our most reliable source of income is from Sustaining Members who commit to supporting us annually, either through a once-a-year or monthly contribution.

Sustaining members will be particularly important as we continue to carry out our mission to inspire and mobilize faith-based congregations to address issues of economic and social injustice through education, advocacy and community organizing. We invite you to become a Sustaining member by filling out the form on the next page or by contacting the RIC office at 262-635-9532 or emailing us at ricracine1993@gmail.com. One-time gifts are, of course, also welcome and very much appreciated.

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We have recently joined with WISDOM to create an Endowment Fund that will support legacy giving. You can ensure that the good work of RIC continues for years to come by remembering us in your will. Your gift, large or small, will help guarantee that we can always have great community organizers, that all our leaders, no matter their economic circumstances, will be able to access world-class leadership training, and that our fight for justice never wanes. If you are receiving an inheritance, you might also want to consider tithing – giving 10% of your inheritance back to the community. One result of generations of racial and social inequity is the great disparity in accumulated wealth. Donating a portion of your inheritance to justice organizations can be a way to repair that inequity.

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Racine Interfaith Coalition's history started 30 years ago



The Racine Interfaith Coalition was formed 30 years ago to enlist faith-based organizations in Racine to work for social justice, especially on behalf of those without wealth and power. According to Sister Jeanne Kimler, local lawyer Stephanie Lazzeroni saw the need for working with others in faith and talked to her pastor, Mark McDonough of Covenant Presbyterian Church. To learn more about organizing faith communities, the two of them attended a Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) meeting where they met MICAH's Lead Organizer, Ana Garcia-Ashley, who later became the first organizer for RIC.

Eventually, leaders from about twenty congregations assembled to consider how their churches could combat racism, poverty, violence and other problems confronting Racine. Late in 1994, Lazzeroni and McDonough also arranged a meeting at the Siena Center with the Gamaliel Foundation where they and others saw a presentation about organizing faith-based communities. After that meeting, RIC became affiliated with Gamaliel.

News of the fledgling body spread quickly throughout the community and the Racine Interfaith Coalition was born. From 1993 to 1995, RIC's main thrust was to enlist as many faith-based organizations as possible. Between 1994 and 1996, RIC grew from 10 members to 15 and has grown since to include 26 congregations. During this time of rapid growth, RIC was able to hire an organizer to help direct the activities and recruit new members. Today, RIC has five active task forces, staffed by dozens of volunteers from local congregations and the community, who are working every day to fulfill the organization's original mission.

In January of 2000, RIC came together with sister organizations in Milwaukee (MICAH) and Kenosha (CUSH) to form the WISDOM network. Since that time, WISDOM has expanded to Beloit/Janesville (JOB), the Fox Cities (ESTHER), Green Bay (JOSHUA), Manitowoc (RUTH), Waukesha County (SOPHIA), Eau Claire (JONAH), Wausau (NAOMI), Madison (MOSES), and the Menominee Reservation (Menikanaehkem).

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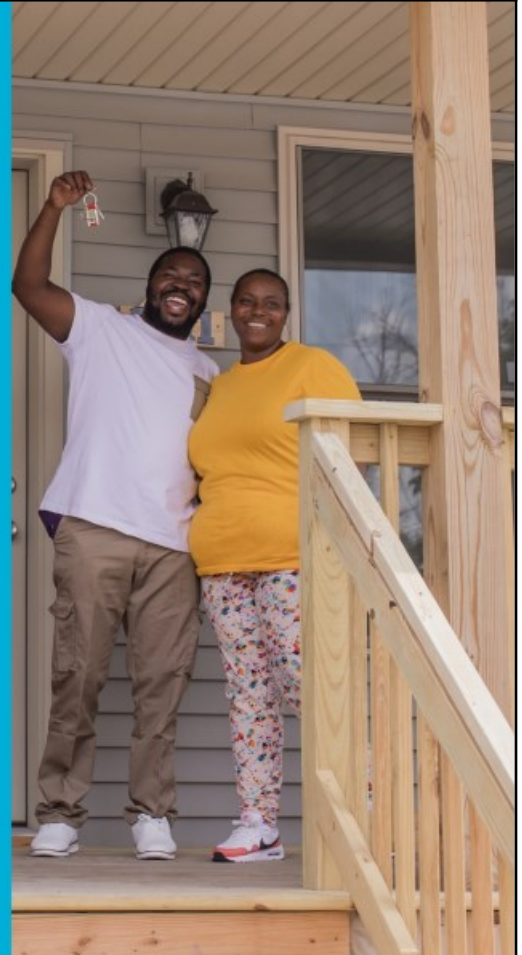
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