



# IN THE LOOP

RACINE INTERFAITH COALITION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER SPECIAL



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Racine Interfaith Coalition is happy to continue our quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to expand our reach to current and new members by sharing the work our task force leaders and many other volunteers are doing with continued strength through faith and power through community.

Here, you can expect to receive important updates about our upcoming meetings and events, ongoing advocacy, and collaborative impact throughout southeastern Wisconsin and across the state.

For updates in between e-news, join us on social media and don't forget to check out our new website! Take a look at what's new at Racine Interfaith Coalition this quarter!

# LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS, LINDA BOYLE & TAMMY HAYWARD

We have been very busy with the Turn Up The Vote Project which kicked off on May 21 and will continue all through the summer and up until the November election. Despite rain on the 21st, we were able to reach 350 people at 5 different locations. We greatly appreciate the folks who came from as far as Door County and Illinois as well as our local stalwarts! June 21st we will continue with shifts in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and bigger events on some Saturdays.

On June 16th we were chosen to host the trainees from the Gamaliel Network week long training in Mundelein for a presentation and an action around our Turn Up the Vote Activities.

Ri Witer has joined our RIC team as our office manager with hours from 10 to 3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome, Ri ! Glad to have you on board!

The violence in the Racine Community has led us to hold Community Prayer Vigils for Peace on Monument Square and at The MLK Community Center where Pastor Quashona Foster led 80 of us in prayer including 15 other pastors from our community. Please keep Racine in your prayers for an end to violence.

The 2022 Ad Book needs to be completed by the end of June, so PLEASE get your ads in to the office soon!

Best,  
Linda Boyle and Tammy Hayward  
Co-Presidents



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## EDUCATION



## TURN UP THE VOTE

The Turn Up the Vote team hosted their kickoff event on May 21. They tabled at a few Racine area grocery stores and locations and handed out election informational material to community members. Their next canvassing and tabling efforts will be every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday leading up to August 9.

If you want to participate in any of these efforts or want more information, contact Amanda Ali at [aliamandao6@gmail.com](mailto:aliamandao6@gmail.com)

The Education Task Force continues to partner with COLE on the issue of Lead Abatement. Nikki Fisher is available to do presentations on this topic if groups are interested over the summer. The other work is on hold for the summer as RIC works on Turn Up The Vote getting ready for the August Primary and the November election.



## THE BURLINGTON COALITION FOR DISMANTLING RACISM (BCDR)

The Burlington Coalition for Dismantling Racism (BCDR) hosted its third annual Juneteenth Celebration at Echo Lake Park in Burlington on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 11:00am until 4:00pm. This inclusive community event celebrated the emancipation of Blacks enslaved in the United States with a focus on Black Joy. Attendees enjoyed a full schedule of performances, food, children's activities, and more. The event also honored all of the fathers who attended.



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## IMMIGRATION

The Immigration taskforce assisted WISDOM's statewide taskforce is creating questions to be submitted to U.S. Senate Candidates polling 5% or higher. WISDOM will be releasing those responses soon. In addition, RIC has continued to offer support to co-sponsors of our Afghan evacuees by offering financial help and support in things like

transportation, driving to get groceries, and even supporting with technology help. Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers! RIC continues to proceed in the Immigrant Law Initiative with hopes that the mini legal clinics will start at the RIC office and they can help as many people as they can! You can donate to support the initiative by visiting the link on page 6.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL JUSTICE (PREVIOUSLY ROC + EXPO)

The Transformational Justice taskforce of RIC is being trained as Court Observers by folks connected to our affiliate Moses in Madison. Co-Chairs Carl Fields and Greg Petro along with about 10 others of us will be continuing with this training this summer via zoom with the goal of raising awareness of the courtroom processes, improving the attitudes in the court towards people of color and those living in poverty, and identifying issues for advocacy work.





# GET OUT THE VOTE

Visit [myvotewi.gov](https://myvotewi.gov) for all voter information



It's election year and there are many important races up for election including school board, county board, governor and state senator. You can find the key dates for upcoming elections below and find information such as your polling location, your registration status and what is on your ballot by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

The RIC Turn Up The Vote (TUTV) Team is leading nonpartisan efforts by preparing materials for literature drops, social media campaigns, rides to the polls, a voter hotline, and text banking opportunities coming up in 2022! Stay tuned to learn more! If you would like to get involved, email us at [ricraciner1993@gmail.com](mailto:ricraciner1993@gmail.com). Don't forget to get out the vote!

Please sign up [here](#) to volunteer with us. We will have shifts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm each of those days.

Partisan Primary - August 9, 2022

General - November 8, 2022

# Support Us

Racine Interfaith Coalition is dedicated to promoting inclusion, racial, social and economic justice for all.

[click here >](#)

For mail donations you can send check to "Racine Interfaith Coalition" at 2302A Dekoven Ave.

For immigration fund donations please write "immigration" in notes



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Education Task Force
  - Second Thursday of the month - 10:00 a.m.
- Immigration Task Force
  - Second Tuesday of the month - 6:00 p.m.
- Burlington Coalition for Dismantling Racism
  - Every other Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ROC/EXPO Task Force - varies
- Turn Up The Vote canvassing
  - Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

For full list of calendar events visit <http://ricracine.org/events>.

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- Wendy Wise
- William Garvey & Diane Lange
- Yeprem & Judy Kelegian

And thank you to the many supporters of our Racine Immigrant Support Initiative!

## A Letter from a Sustaining Member

Upon moving to Racine in 2006 and joining the Olympia Brown Church, I kept hearing about a "Racine Interfaith Coalition and the work they were doing. My experience throughout my life has been that churches compete and try to outdo each other. What a wonder to find churches working together on social problems.

I continue to be amazed at the work of RIC and their task forces. Good works, wonderful people and strong leadership!

I willingly became a sustaining member, continue to do so and encourage all others to join with us!

-Joe Cushing

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