

Our role in addressing systemic racism

WNPJ Steering Committee – Member Organizations planning

Sunday, April 25, 2021

1:30 – 4:30 pm

The work we do is all connected...

- environmental justice and sustainability
- racial justice and police reform
- economic justice
- wealth & income equality
- criminal justice
- immigration
- voting rights & democracy
- health care access
- moral and spiritual health of our communities
- and more



and so are we.

For the past few years our efforts – while powerful – have not been as coordinated as they could have been. But we share the fundamental issues that impact our work: voter disenfranchisement and gerrymandering, misguided government budget priorities, misinformation in standard and social media, big money in politics, and more.

All of this stems from the systemic racism and white supremacy that was built into our country from the beginning – to keep power in the hands of the wealthy and privileged few. It affects all of us - regardless of our skin color or ethnicity.

We can be stronger when we come together.

We want your voice at the table.

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Come to WNPJ's Spring Assembly/Steering Committee to help us get started on creative ideas to build a unified effort to address these issues. **What we do here will be a beginning and inform WNPJ's work over the coming year.**

Tentative Schedule:

1:30 – 4:30 pm

- 1:30 – 2:30: **Member Organizations share** what you've been doing. Please limit your sharing to 2 minutes each - and you can pre-record it if you like. If you have further information to share, please write something that we can make available to participants.
- 10 minute break - Live Singing Bowl Performance by **Camille Mays**, Co-Director of Peace Garden Project MKE
- 2:45 – 3:30: **Breakout groups** of 4-8 people. Each group will have the same set of questions to consider, to explore how our work currently addresses systemic racism, how WNPJ can best support that work, and what WNPJ can do in the coming year to augment our collective power.
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- 3:45 – 4:30: **Large group sharing of highlights from small groups**. Things that arose in your small groups will begin to inform WNPJ's focus over the coming year. We hope to create a committee to move this work forward.

* We are looking for people to serve on a Nominating Committee to identify new Board members, to be voted on at our Fall Assembly.