

Actions!

The UUJEC Board has waited for the new administration to get its feet on the ground, the federal and state legislatures to propose their bills, and the non-profit social justice and environmental organizations to research and rally around their action choices for healthcare, workers, and the climate crisis to choose our priorities for UU impact. Here are our recommendations for UU action. In every case, we recommend support on the topic be given at the federal, state and community level.

Healthcare—Rep. Jayapal has introduced **HR 1976 - Medicare for All Act of 2021**. Lobby your House and Senate legislators to pass the bill into law. The pandemic proved everyone must be covered.

Climate Crisis—As legislation becomes available this spring, lobby your federal and state representatives to insist on 100% renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal, tidal and wave) by 2030.

Here are some bills we recommend that have been introduced:

S 4929 Justice for Black Farmers Act **S 984/HR 2238 Break Free from Plastic Act**

S 1167/HR 2102 End Polluter Welfare Act **S 1337 Agriculture Resilience Act**

S 872/HR 2021 Environmental Justice for All Act of 2021 **S 1072/HR 2534 Climate Stewardship Act**

Labor—**HR 2474, Protecting the Right to Organize Bill** (the PRO Act), has passed in the U.S. House. Lobby your senators to pass it in the U.S. Senate.

Funding—To date, legislation has not been introduced to pay for the above and many other now-urgent needs of people and the planet. Our broad recommendations are to

- ▶ Reduce the military portion of the US budget and invest, sufficiently, to restore nature preserves, prevent further climate disruption, and raise the social safety net to cover our basic rights to education from pre-K thru college, childcare, food security, public health, housing for all and meaningful work with a living wage and democratic process for workers.
- ▶ Reduce the extreme concentration of wealth in the top 1% of the US population and pay it forward by revision of the tax laws. (See Chapter 4 in Chuck Collins' book *Is Inequality in America Irreversible?*)

Following are opportunities for education and community. Join us during GA:

On-Demand Programming, *Socialism and Religion*

Wed. June 23, 2:30 CDT, *UUJEC Meet and Greet*, Please Join Us!

Friday, June 25, 4–5:30 P.M. CDT, *Reparations: Rooted in Repair*

Saturday, June 26, 4–5:30 P.M. CDT, *Mutual Aid: Congregations and Communities*

After GA (Go to <https://uujec.org/webinars> for more information or to sign up):

July 10, 2:00 P.M. *UUJEC Annual Meeting* to review UUJEC's past year and what's ahead, plus a presentation by Jerry Ashton, cofounder of RIP Medical Debt (<https://ripmedicaldebt.org>).

July 13, *Green Amendment Day!* We encourage all to watch the presentation from Green Amendments for the Generations (registration: <https://bit.ly/2S453oj>)

August 12, 8:00 P.M. *Cooperative Gardens Commission*

August 26, 8:00 P.M. *Unemployed Workers' Union*

★ plant trees ★ eschew plastic ★ drive less ★ love life ★ eat more veggies ★ advocate for the earth ★