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MISSION STATEMENT: The Community Coalition for Social Justice is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting the principles of social, environmental, and economic justice and respect for all persons. We oppose discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

CONTACT US: Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@comcast.net. Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at ccsjwv@hotmail.com. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES - \$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations – to CCSJ, PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160. You can join or donate by credit card via PayPal on our web site.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16th, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice March Meeting
Time: Mar 16, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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CCSJ SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS FOR MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL: The Morgantown Human Rights Commission presented its “RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF ‘CROWN’ (CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR) NON-DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY AND IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA at the February 23rd Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting. CCSJ submitted a letter in support of this resolution. It will be up for a vote at the March 2nd City Council meeting. You can show your support by contacting members of city council at www.morgantownwv.gov/154/City-Council.

If you wish to speak in support during the public portion, go to www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter and click on the “download” button for the agenda for the meeting you wish to watch. The agenda is usually posted on the Friday before the meeting.

CCSJ is also supporting proposed resolutions on land acknowledgement and Indigenous People’s Day, but Mayor Ron Dulaney has asked the Human Rights Commission to postpone consideration of these until a later date.

You can find copies of the resolutions at ccsjwv.org/local-news.html.

CCSJ SUPPORTS PROPOSED CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD: Susan Brown and Sandra Nelms submitted the following letter to the *Dominion Post*, which was printed on February 26th, to show our support for this proposed board.

Social justice coalition supports review board

The Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ) is a Monongalia County organization that has been in existence for over 20 years. During those years, CCSJ has monitored and assisted in actions and events that promote and protect social justice in our community.

One of the current issues in Morgantown CCSJ is supporting is the proposed ordinance that has been presented to the Morgantown City Council to form a Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board.

This Civilian Review Board (CRB) is a proactive way for the public to gain input and to provide oversight of law enforcement in their community. Its purpose is to strengthen trust between law enforcement and the communities they police. CRBs have been shown to build trust between the police and the community in more than 150 communities across the U.S., where they have been successfully implemented.

In Morgantown, the Fraternal Order of Police and the members of the Morgantown Police Department have attended the special committee meetings throughout this CRB planning process. CRBs provide the ability to review police policies, trainings and other systemic issues and have been shown to encourage better internal investigations.

It is important to note that, while Morgantown's CRB will only be able to recommend actions, it will still add another check and balance to local law enforcement.

In the end, the goal of this Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board is to deliver the most professional and effective police services possible to the Morgantown community. CCSJ encourages you to please support this very important ordinance when it is presented for a vote at city council.

Susan Brown and Sandra Nelms
Co-chairs
Community Coalition for Social Justice Morgantown

FEBRUARY 3RD COMMUNITY FORUM REPORT: CCSJ and Dismantling Racism Together hosted a Zoom gathering with over 60 people in attendance! The report from that event has been distributed to the email lists of CCSJ and Dismantling Racism Together, as well as to all those who attended, and is again posted here:

Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ)/Dismantling Racism Together

Joint Meeting, February 3, 2021, Concerns/Suggestions for Action

1. Support implementation of the City of Morgantown Police Review Board. (22 meetings were held to draft proposed ordinance with no input or comments from the Morgantown Police Department (MPD) or Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) despite invitations to do so.)
 - a. Call City Council members.
 - b. Write letters to the editor of the *Dominion Post*.
 - c. Place full page ad in the *Dominion Post* with data to counteract misinformation coming from the MPD and FOP. A group led by Eve Faulkes is already working on this and donations are welcome to fund the ad.
 - d. Send information or requests for information to Mollie Kennedy of the ACLU at mkennedy@acluwv.org. She can also provide speakers to talk with other community groups on this issue.
 - e. Learn the history of policing in the United States. Dr. Jim Nolan, Chair and Professor of Sociology at WVU, is an excellent resource.
 - f. Ask for a town hall meeting to discuss the issue.
 - g. Ask for conversations with police officers in forums like coffee with a cop.
2. Investigate and discuss suspension rates and disparity in disciplinary actions against students of color in the Mon County School System.

3. Discuss sundown laws in West Virginia. For clarification, people of color are often not safe on the streets after sundown.
4. Contact local, state, and federal lawmakers on recognition of black history and systemic racism.
5. Housing discrimination.
6. Targeting and profiling not only by MPD but Mon County Sheriff's Department and West Virginia State Police.
7. Legislation at the state and federal levels on reparations.
 - a. Contact WV legislators as well as members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees.
8. Racism is changed by policies. We need to support lawmakers and encourage and work with them to change policies and laws at all levels.
9. Support the WVU Faculty Senate Inclusion and Diversity Committee that is working on issues with hiring, tenure, etc.
10. Have another meeting to further the conversation. If you would like to participate send your contact information to either to ccsjwv@hotmail.com or DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com, if you are not already on a mailing list.

REMEMBER THAT ALLYSHIP IS A VERB.

- Delegate Danielle Walker

Addendum to Feb. 3 meeting

Here are the email addresses of lawmakers and others in case you are willing to contact them:

Morgantown City Council

· First Ward-Rachel Fetty (Deputy Mayor): rfetty@morgantownwv.gov. · Second Ward-Bill Kawecki: wkawecki@morgantownwv.gov · Third Ward-Zackery Cruze: zcruze@morgantownwv.gov · Fourth Ward-Jennifer Selin: jselin@morgantownwv.gov · Fifth Ward-Ron Dulaney Jr. (Mayor): rdulaney@morgantownwv.gov · Sixth Ward-Dave Harshbarger: dharshbarger@morgantownwv.gov · Seventh Ward-Barry Lee Wendell: bwendell@morgantownwv.gov

More information available here: <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/154/City-Council>

County Legislative Delegation

· State Senate (District 2, includes part of Monongalia) o Charles H. Clements Jr. (R): charles.clements@wvsenate.gov o Mike Maroney (R): mike.maroney@wvsenate.gov

- State Senate (District 13, includes most of Monongalia) o Mike Caputo (D): mike.caputo@wvsenate.gov o Robert Beach (D): bob.beach@wvsenate.gov
- State Senate (District 14, includes part of Monongalia) o Randy Smith (R): randy.smith@wvsenate.gov o Dave Sybolt (R): dave.sypolt@wvsenate.gov
- House of Delegates (District 5, includes part of Monongalia) o Dave Pethel (D): dave.pethel@wvhouse.gov
- House of Delegates (District 49, includes part of Monongalia) o Amy Summers (R): amy.summers@wvhouse.gov
- House of Delegates (District 51, most of Monongalia) o Evan Hansen (D): evan.hansen@wvhouse.gov o John Williams (D): john.williams@wvhouse.gov o Barbara Evans Fleischauer (D): barbaraf@wvhouse.gov o Danielle Walker (D): danielle.walker@wvhouse.gov o Joe Statler (R): joe.statler@wvhouse.gov

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2022: We have submitted our funding request to the City of Morgantown for funding for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 2022 and signed a contract with the Metropolitan Theatre with the hope that we can all gather again there next year. Please let us know if you have ideas as we begin to plan this event.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Just look for “Community Coalition for Social Justice” under “Groups” and become our friend. Thanks to Mike Sharley for being our group “leader.”

LOCAL NEWS



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting should be Thursday, **March 18th** at 6:30 p.m. You can get contact information for the commission, including information on filing complaint forms at www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission.

You can get copies of the agendas and minutes for the commission meetings at www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/.

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf.

Here are the events for March:

Month: National Women’s History Month – Honors women as significant agents of change.

March 8: International Women’s Day – Celebration of the economic, political, and social achievements of women worldwide. Recognition of need for empowering women to meet their health and family planning needs as central to realizing greater equality. With access to

education, economic opportunity, and quality health care, healthier mothers can have healthier babies, economic gains, and help create less pressure on our planet's natural resources.

March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

International Forest Day – Call for awareness of the importance of forests in protecting air quality, water retention, plants for pharmaceuticals, habitat for birds and other wildlife – all of which provide a balance for survival of all.

March 22: World Water Day – Calls for awareness of how essential potable water is to the rights of all people in West Virginia and worldwide.

March 31: Cesar Chavez Day – Honors Mexican American farm worker. Labor leader, and activist Cesar Chavez (1927- 1993) who was a nationally respected voice of social justice. APRIL Month National Child Abuse Prevention Month



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM IS MARCH 24TH: The League is partnering with the Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, PFLAG, Mountaineers for Progress, and Morgantown NOW to host a Zoom forum on March 24th at 6:30 p.m. The League will advertise the zoom link closer to the forum.

The following candidates will be participating:

Patrick Hathaway (1st ward), Bill Kawecki (2nd ward), Jenny Selin (4th ward), Danielle Trumble (5th ward), Marly Ynigues (5th ward), Dave Harshbarger (6th ward), and Brian Butcher (7th). The League will also be inviting the new write-in candidate for 3rd ward, Paul Liller. If any other write-in candidates announce before the forum, they will also be invited. Tony Setley (5th ward) will not be participating because of a conflict with military duty. Ben Mayle (7th ward) was invited but has refused to participate.

The forum will be recorded for viewing on other venues.

The League invited CCSJ and the Morgantown Human Rights Commission to submit questions for consideration at this forum, and CCSJ was happy to do so.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/.

The March meeting will **March 9th at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email morgantownnow@gmail.com.

NOW is also promoting the following events:

March 1: Women and Girls Day at the Legislature – see below for more information.

March 2: Menstrual Equity Lobby Day

March 8: International Women's Day: "Taking Up Space – Women in Non-traditional Fields," An International Women's Day Virtual Celebration with presenter Carmen Bowes, Development Manager for West Virginia Women Work. More details on all of these events below.

"We will also be celebrating Women's History Month with a series on West Virginia Women in History. Morgantown NOW will post a biographical sketch of WV women for each day of March. They are 31 historic contributors, some you have certainly heard about before, and some who may be new to you. Of course, there are many more women who have contributed to make WV almost heaven, and there are many more Marches ahead, so please let us know of anyone you think should be recognized in the future! We hope you enjoy reading about these women."

"The WVNOW legislative committee is hard at work now that the legislative session has started. Priority issues for the session include: child care, Medicaid, menstrual equity, Crown Act, pay equity, supporting the WV Women's Commission, and working to get a female statue on Capital grounds. If you would like to get more involved email Bekah Aranda at: aranda05@yahoo.com."



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS MARCH 16TH: This meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at 3241naacp@gmail.com for more information and to learn how to participate. The branch has committees on Education; Communications, Press and Publicity; Criminal Justice; Political Action; Legal Redress; Health; Community Coordination; and Environmental and Climate Justice.

The NAACP is providing information about the proposed ordinance to create a Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board. Members were part of the City of Morgantown Special Committee on Community Policing and Citizens Review Board that presented its ordinance creating this board at the Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on January 26th. No date has been set for a vote on this ordinance as the City is waiting for feedback from West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey. Information about the ordinance is available at www.facebook.com/naacp3241/. Members are available to speak to local groups so please email 3241naacp@gmail.com if your organization would like to learn more.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE: Services continue online with information available at www.morgantowncob.org/.

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634.



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN STAYS VIRTUAL WITH THESE PROGRAMS IN MARCH:

March 7: Open Board Meeting

March 14: Avian Conservation

March 21: Earth and Existence Part III Mindfulness and the Future

March 28: Musical Program with the UUs of Greater Pittsburgh

Check the web site at www.uufmwv.org or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Morgantown-WV-367256688732 for updates and Zoom links.



PFLAG MORGANTOWN MARCH EVENTS:

Please join us for the Morgantown PFLAG March 2021 Events!

March Meeting

General Meeting & Celebrating LGBTQ+ Women

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/99765946935>

Meeting ID: 997 6594 6935

Passcode: shamrock

March Social Saturday

Every Saturday (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/92731711445> Meeting ID: 927 3171 1445

Passcode: Email secretary@pflagmorgantown.org

March Raising Trans Kids Meeting

Saturday, March 13

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For meeting information, please email raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org

March Meeting Agenda

- I. Check In/social
- II. February Minutes Approval
- III. II. Education committee updates
- IV. III. Elections for PFLAG Board – April 2021
- V. V. Other news?
- VI. VI. Celebrating LGBTQ+ Women
Homework: Learn about an LGBTQ+ woman who has changed your world (personal) and/or our world (global/national).

What Amy found and is reading/watching:

<https://www.advocate.com/women/2017/10/03/20-game-changingqueer-women-history#media-gallery-media-16>

<https://www.pride.com/activism/2020/3/04/10-queer-women-whochanged-history>

<https://www.them.us/story/bell-hooks> (FYI - You can access a lot of lectures and speakers series with bell hooks on You Tube, including those that occurred when she was the scholar-in-residence at The New School)

WELCOME MORGANTOWN HUMANISTS: We welcome the Morgantown Humanists as an organizational member. For information about this group, please contact Mike Attfield at mdattfieldo@gmail.com.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER: John Bolt has submitted the following letter as an update:

Friends:

Dismantling Racism Together was organized by First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, first, to respond to members asking “what can we do?” to address systemic or institutional racism in our community, and, once answering that question as best we could, to set about that work.

We invited other members of the community to join us in answering those questions and have – gratefully – received good response from both church members and non-members, people of all faiths and people who think differently. We have heard from the Morgantown/Kingwood chapter of the NAACP, Morgantown PRIDE, ACLU, WVU’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to learn about how racism is imbedded in our systems and the impact on people from the non-dominant culture, and more.

This culminated in early February with a joint meeting with the long-standing Community Coalition for Social Justice, inviting any group working more broadly to come together to discuss what other issues may exist, or where work is already under way. (A report on that meeting is included above.)

The Dismantling Racism Together planning team gathered to discuss next steps.

The team concluded that its best course of action at this time is to endorse the broad work of the local NAACP, which already has nine subcommittees, each with multiple initiatives under way – including important and significant efforts on the creation of a Civilian Review Board for the Morgantown Police Department. (A list of those committees is available on the chapter’s website: <http://morgantownnaacp.org>.)

We encourage all who want to get actively involved in dismantling racism in our community to join the NAACP in its work.

What of our future work?

One of the founding principles of Dismantling Racism Together was to first educate the dominant class, which comprised most of the group, about what systemic/institutional racism is, its history and how it permeates society – especially in invisible and deeply imbedded places.

We also took seriously the admonition from people of color to educate ourselves, and not ask the victims of that racism to do that work. (See “I’m your black friend, but I won’t educate you about racism. That’s on you.” by NPR reporter B.L. Wilson in *The Washington Post*.)

So it seems that’s where we can do the most good and have the most impact. Put another way, we see Dismantling Racism Together’s role as a source and catalyst for those who wish to, as B.L. Wilson says, “do the work” to learn and then join with those who are already engaged.

We are, therefore, committed to educate, through study and discussion; to advocate, through activism and presence; and to support, through coming alongside Black and Brown leaders already at work.

By no means is this enough, but it is a start.

We'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

The Planning Team: John A. Bolt, Margaret Bolt, Susan Eason, Donna Gerber, George Lilley, Mavis Grant-Lilley, The Rev. Zac Morton, Rebecca Rodd, Judy Werner, The Rev. Jenny Williams

For more information on this group, please go to www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together or email DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE: At “press time,” this group’s Facebook page was not available. The website is morgantownwvpride.org/.



WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER: For more information, please go to lgbtq.wvu.edu/home or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/search/top?q=wvu%20lgbtq%20center.



WVU PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WVU-Native-American-Studies-Program-287569261271676 or nas.wvu.edu/home.



MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS NOW UNDERWAY: CCSJ does not endorse candidates, but we do encourage everyone to vote. **If you are a resident of the City of Morgantown, you can get election information at www.morgantownwv.gov/157/Election-Information.** We are pleased to note that City Clerk Christine Wade will be working with the WVU Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and possibly other groups to provide diversity training to City poll workers. We will keep you posted if this information will be available to the general public to view.

WVU Art in the Libraries Events for Women’s History Month: These events are open to the public.

March 8: International Women’s Day Virtual Celebration Presentation by Carmen Bowes, Development Manager, West Virginia Women Work, 7:00 p.m. Zoom registration at wvu.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJUvdeGppjwjGtZAmXhjPBcTTEA25UheLLrp.

March 19: Don’t Throw it Out! A conversation about documenting women, and the new Feminist Activist Archives of the WVU West Virginia and Regional History Center, A Women’s History

Month Presentation. Panelists: Judith Stitzel (Prof. Emerita, English and Co-Founder of Women's Studies) and Carroll Wilkinson (University Librarian Emerita). Moderator: Lori Hostuttler, Assistant Director and Curator, West Virginia & Regional History Center. 12:00 -1:00 p.m. Zoom registration at wvu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrcO6qrTgiH9Fws2be3HOjhmuw64gg4fpG.

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS

There are numerous bills to watch that are moving – or not – through the **West Virginia Legislature**. To track them, go to www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/bill_status.cfm and enter the bill number.

Here are just a few that may interest the social justice community with their status as of “press time” – which could change tomorrow.

HB 2121: Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan Fair Pay Act of 2020, referred to House Workforce Development Committee (2/10) and then to be referred to Judiciary Committee; a related bill is SB 43: Relating to Pay Transparency Act of 2021, referred to the Senate Workforce Committee (2/10) and then to be referred to Judiciary.

SB 108: Prohibiting racial discrimination based on certain hair textures and hairstyles (CROWN Act), referred to Workforce Committee (2/10) and then to be referred to Judiciary.

SB 13: Protecting rights of conscience for child welfare services providers, referred to Senate Health and Human Resources Committee (2/10); WV NOW and Fairness West Virginia are calling this the “License to Discriminate in Foster Care” bill and are opposing it, and it has been pulled from the committee’s agenda.

SB 341: Requiring participation in athletic or sporting events be based on athlete's biological gender, referred to Senate Education Committee (2/18), and then to be referred to Judiciary. According to Fairness West Virginia, which is opposing this bill, “This bill won’t just hurt transgender girls, though. It would allow anyone to demand “proof” that your child athlete is not transgender. That means your daughter would be forced to undergo an invasive genital exam and genetic testing — which you will have to pay for out of pocket. This bill will encourage everyone to further scrutinize whether the young women in our life look feminine enough.”

HB 2141: Relating to participation in school sports. According to the *WVU Daily Athenaeum (DA)* on February 25, “this would prohibit transgender athletes from participating in official or unofficial school-sanctioned athletic or sporting events at publicity-funded elementary and secondary schools, AND would require athletes born intersex to undergo invasive genetic testing to be considered for participation.” It was referred to the House Education Committee on 2/10.

HB 1257: Forbidding displays relating to sexuality in public school facilities and forbidding the teaching of sexuality in public schools. This was referred to the House Education Committee on February 10.

HB 2171: Vulnerable Child Protection Act. According to the *DA*, this “would make it a felony for a doctor to provide gender-affirming healthcare to transgender minors which removes parental choice in their child’s medical care, and further punish doctors with a period of incarceration. This was referred to the House Health and Human Resources Committee on February 10 with a subsequent referral to Judiciary.

HB 2232: Providing a process by which a city may hold an election to recall an ordinance. According to the DA, this would pave the way for the nullification of local fairness laws that have been enacted through West Virginia (which includes 14 locales at present,” including Morgantown. This was introduced to the House Political Subdivisions Committee on February 10 with a subsequent referral to Judiciary.

HB 2545: West Virginia Religious Freedom Restoration Act. According to the DA, this bill “aims to frustrate passage and enforcement of LGBTQ non-discrimination laws in West Virginia; to allow people to claim religious grounds for discriminating against LGBTQ people; and to shield people who discriminate on that basis from compliance requirements and penalties for non-compliance.” It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on February 16.

Fairness Act: This is introduced annually to add LGBTQ people to the state’s civil rights law, but no bill number was available at “press time.”



**Women's & Girls'
DAY AT THE
LEGISLATURE**

Our Past, Present, and Future
Learning from the past,
living in the present,
and creating a brighter future.

**Also celebrating the kickoff of
WV Women's History Month!**

*A unique virtual presentation where women and
girls can learn together to lead, govern and have
a voice in their communities.*

Monday, March 1, 2021
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
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WVaWomen/](https://m.facebook.com/WVaWomen/)

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girls-womens-day](https://wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2021/girls-womens-day) to receive additional
information. Have questions? Call 304-
558-6073 or email julie.c.palas@wv.gov.



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: West Virginia NOW is online at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow and wvnow.org.



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA TRACKS LEGISLATION AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS: You can see bills that the group is tracking at Fairnesswv.org.

Fairness posted this announcement below on February 25th:



Click here to email our senators that you support fairness for all West Virginians: <http://bit.ly/37PELuv>

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv or at fairnesswv.org.



ACLU MARCH NEWS: The ACLU is tracking numerous bills during the 2021 legislative session. Learn more at www.acluww.org/en/legislation/see-what-were-tracking-2021-legislative-session

ETHNIC HOLIDAYS FOR MARCH 2021

From www.diversityresources.com/2021-diversity-calendar/

Women's History Month – honors our nation's women and their accomplishments

3/8 – Women: International Women’s Day – began in 1910 to advocate for greater women’s rights, particularly the right to vote

3/10 – Black American: Harriet Tubman – leader of the Underground Railroad, she helped slaves escape to freedom

3/17 – Irish: St Patrick’s Day – marks the birthday of this Irish saint, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isle

3/21 – United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

3/27 – Jewish: Passover – start of holiday, commemorating the freeing of Israeli slaves in Egypt

3/28 – Hindu: Holi – celebrates the winter harvest, and the coming of spring