

About the Alliance for Justice, Inc.

The Alliance for Justice, Inc., is a Wisconsin nonprofit organization formed to further the commitment of congregations, conferences, and the general synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) to repudiate the “Doctrine of Discovery.”

On April 6, 2019, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) voted overwhelmingly in favor of “A Resolution of Witness: Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” at its the 57th Annual Meeting. The principle provisions of the resolution are that the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC “upholds and affirms the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” and “declares and confesses that the doctrine has been and continues to be a shameful part of the United States and our Church’s history.”

After conducting many presentations at churches and church-related gatherings regarding the Doctrine of Discovery, and after passage of the Resolution repudiating the Doctrine, many people wanted to know, “Where do we go from here?”

Alliance leaders recognized a need to plan, coordinate, and present additional information to faith communities and the general public on the social, political, legal, and environmental effects of the Doctrine of Discovery on the health and well-being of indigenous nations and communities in Wisconsin. The Alliance for Justice is in a unique position to act as a clearinghouse for faith communities and the general public, providing them with concrete and specific actions they can take to respond to the impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery.

The Alliance’s board of directors is in formation. Board members (and their offices) as of July 2020, are:

Larry Littlegeorge, Black River Falls (HoChunk) – Chair

Joe Scarry, Madeline Island – Vice Chair

Karen Miller, Mohican (Stockbridge-Munsee), Secretary

Through our work, The Alliance seeks to contribute to the efforts being made by all groups advocating for improved conditions for people impacted by foundational injustices in this country, using education and faith to create community and to heal the wounds inflicted by the Doctrine of Discovery for both Indigenous and African American people, as well as Asian, Latino, and all others who have been negatively affected by this pernicious Doctrine.