

**JUST PEACE TEAM - UPDATES**  
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**The Forum in April & May Focus on Just Peace Issues**

During April and May, the weekly sessions of The Forum – now at 7:00 pm Sundays via Zoom – will address a variety of justice issues that are the focus of our Just Peace community work:

- April 27: Rev Clare Twomey on *“White Skin Supremacy – America’s Greatest Sin”*
- May 2: *Immigration Issues in Colorado Springs* (speaker TBD)
- May 9: *Racial Justice* (speaker TBD)
- May 16: Ani Rose Whaleswan on *“Eco-psychology”*
- May 23: Steve Kern & Deb Walker on *“The Colorado Springs Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission: Update and Prospects”*

Stay tuned for further details!

**Colorado legislation:**

As noted a few weeks ago, Citizens Project monitors bills in the Colorado legislature and takes positions on a variety of bills that impact the organization’s core values of equity, inclusion, and justice – which align nicely with FCUCC’s priorities of racial and community justice, ecojustice, and economic justice.

Here is the link to the 28 bills on which Citizens Project has so far taken a position in this session, relating to elections, separation of church and state, LGBTQIA+ issues, immigration, economic justice, policing, education, equal access, and health equity ([www.citizensproject.org/2021-legislation/](http://www.citizensproject.org/2021-legislation/)).

Want to contact your CO District Rep or Senator? Find their names and contact information at <https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators>.

**Violence Against Women Act**

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1620, which would reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, first passed in 1994 and reauthorized in 2013, but which expired in February 2019. The bill is now in the Senate, having passed the House by a vote of 244-172, with 29 Republicans voting for the measure. Certain measures in the House bill will pose some problems for Republicans, so look for possible compromises.

Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act is a UCC priority.

**Earth Day and Eco-Justice**

Earth Day is next Thursday, April 22. Stay tuned for FCUCC happenings!

From Jerry White ... a powerful film from a past FCUCC Lenten Film Series: *“Plastic Bag”*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkbT50O7scc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkbT50O7scc).