

FRIENDS FOR JUSTICE LEARNING SESSIONS

“Land Ownership: The Christian Doctrine of Discovery, Living Native Peoples, and Us”



Friends for Justice* is planning two learning sessions this month, focused on the question “What might Justice look like now?” regarding the history of our church land and the Native Peoples who lived here before European settlers arrived. The learning sessions are part of a discernment process that might lead to a justice action. Meetings will take place in person in the Dennett Room on Wednesdays, May 10 and May 24, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Similar learning sessions have been occurring in UCC congregations and other church denominations for the past decade or more, under the topic *Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. The first session is titled: *Looking to the Past & Listening* and will include information on the Doctrine of Discovery, the Native Peoples traditionally living on the land now belonging to our Church, and listening to Native Peoples’ oral tradition. The second session, *Listening to the Present & Looking to the Future*, will include listening to the concerns of the Native Peoples living in Wisconsin today and discussion of justice actions. A resource list will be provided, refreshments will be served. No reservations necessary. If you have questions, you may email Louise Mollinger at lmollinger@yahoo.com.

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**Note: Friends for Justice is a group of individual church members who come together around issues of justice. The group speaks to, but not for, First Congregational Church of Port Washington.*



CONGRATULATIONS to Courtney Cowen (*on left*) and Alma College for winning the National Cheer and Dance Championship this past month. Congratulations also to Jessica Jacque (*on right*) and UW-Lacrosse for their 2nd place finish in D3 Jazz at the same competition. Courtney and Jessica were teammates on the Port Washington High School Dance Team.

