



**“The environment and the economy are really both two sides of the same coin. If we cannot sustain the environment, we cannot sustain ourselves.”**

Wangari Maathai, First African Nobel Peace Prize Winner

This issue of our Grange Newsletter examines the meaning and movements behind Climate Justice and Environmental Justice. These terms, though different, both relate to our planetary home. We hope the material offered for your understanding and reflection will be encouraging and give impetus to action. We can make an impact. It is up to us!

## HEAD

[See](#) the *History of Environmental Justice in 5 Minutes* by the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The **Black Environmental Justice Network** [provides](#) a good overview of the meaning and goals of environmental justice in Black communities.

**“The United States is segregated and so is pollution,”** says [Robert Bullard](#), the “Father of the Environmental Justice Movement.”

Climate change impacts include issues of justice and human rights. Concern Worldwide US [summarizes](#) the climate justice movement.

Over [2000 Swiss women](#) are taking their government to the European Court of Human Rights claiming its **climate change policies are violating their right to life and health.**

**GLOBAL CITIZEN** [points out](#) three ways people in poverty are most affected by pollution—*Air. Water. Food.*

[See](#) the **WORLD BANK's: Social Dimensions of Climate Change.** Some context, strategies and results presented with insight and clarity.

A major study [documents](#) how the **dispossession of Native Americans** from their lands has left them more vulnerable to climate change and may aid in their claims for climate justice.

## HANDS

**Climate justice and social justice are two sides of the same coin.** Greenpeace [sees](#) addressing both as vital to creating a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

**Everyone can contribute** to save our planet and bring about environmental justice. See [The Lazy Person's Guide to Saving the World.](#)

[Become aware](#) of how you can support environmental justice in your local community.

[Listen](#) to a Ted Talk by Pakistani columnist Huma Yusuf **proposing a new social contract for global climate justice.**

[Browse](#) a **video gallery** of community leaders created for the **EPA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** These leaders share lessons learned working on environmental justice.

[Residents sue](#) over zoning in their backyard, Louisiana's Cancer Alley, calling it a form of “*Racial Cleansing.*”

What are the **top ten environmental justice issues globally** and what are some examples of on the ground conflicts? The Conversation provides a [succinct list.](#)

[See](#) “*The Letter: a film that reminds us not to look away.*” [Watch The Letter](#) on YouTube.

## HEART & HOPE

**Greta Thunberg protesting a wind farm?** Greta joined the [Sami reindeer herders](#) who are protesting the location of wind farms on their lands.

The climate crisis is a spiritual crisis. [This op-ed](#) from the Harvard Crimson tells how **spiritual leaders are activating** their communities around **climate change actions.**

The Biden administration launched a new **Office of Environmental Justice**, dedicated to protecting communities of color, indigenous communities, and low income groups from environmental injustice.

**Lummi carvers** have [set out on a totem pole](#) journey to help **protect Oak Flat, a sacred site for Native Americans**, from destruction by copper mining. See an enlightening [video](#) of a trip they made to Washington, D.C.

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