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Introducing Our New Community Organizer

By Rachel Kincade and Eugene Crisler 'El

My name is Rachel Kincade, and I am the President of MOSES. I am pleased and excited to be introducing Eugene Crisler 'El as Community Organizer for MOSES. I've had the opportunity to work with him in his position as Vice President and have seen his dedication, commitment, and hard work within our organization. His heart is deeply involved with the work that has already been done, which leads me to believe that he will take us far in his new position. Now I'd like to give Eugene an opportunity to introduce himself to you all who haven't had the chance to meet him yet.

A Message from Eugene Crisler 'El

Thank you, Rachel, for the introduction. I am pleased and honored to be the community organizer for MOSES. In my new position I hope to give MOSES and the communities that I will be serving an opportunity to be present and to lift the voices of those who struggle to be heard.

I imagine a community gathering together and building relationships to break down barriers and strengthen the presence of community. I plan on engaging with many people from different walks of life who have been impacted by inequality through the justice system or any social inequality. I imagine building a stronger base within the MOSES organization, from which more leaders will rise to the mission that MOSES

stands for. I imagine bringing a different style to MOSES that may be unusual, and in doing so I imagine seeing a larger and more diverse community connecting to MOSES. Together we can stand and build up voices in our communities for equality and a better justice system.



Eugene Crisler 'El

My own experiences from childhood adversities to adulthood have been very broad in dealing with racial discrimination and judicial issues. I've learned from experience and lack of opportunity that we live in a society that has been set up for individuals like myself

not to succeed. However, what success is to one may not be success to another. Success comes in many different ways. I believe that most of our society sees

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success as having money, a big house, and nice cars. But for me success is what we do as an organization and a community. The uphill battles that we face as individuals and as a community sometimes make it hard to see success. But together we can attain what most think is unattainable. My heart and dedication to this work is deeply rooted in my experiences and in my determination to not see my children and their children deal with the same adversities. We are in a time when it is more necessary than ever to keep our focus on the injustices that continue in our communities and our justice system.

I look forward to working with all of you to help create a just, fair, and humane criminal justice system. It is my belief that together we can. ■

MOSES Glossary

Wondering about the meaning of all the initials and special terms used in MOSES meetings? You don't have to figure them out on your own—the [MOSES Glossary](#) can help you anytime! You can easily find the glossary in [MOSES Records](#) (the link can always be found below the Secretary's signature in emails she sends), then type in "MOSES Glossary" in the search line toward the top.

Here's something to get you started: Click on the link above and learn what EXPO and "Ban the Box" mean. Then have some fun exploring!

A Vision for 2046 – An Invitation to a Conversation

By Ann Lacy

Earlier this year, the WISDOM Executive Committee (officers) met to discuss what we believe we should be working towards as WISDOM in the next 25 years. We challenged ourselves to imagine what will happen when we are successful in our work.

This, our vision for 2046, is not meant to be a policy statement, nor do we pretend to speak for more than ourselves.

Antiracism and Reparations

We recognize that the twin "original sins" of our country were the institution of slavery and the genocide of Indigenous people, along with the theft of their land. We will never live up to our own ideals until we have squarely faced the harm that has been done and until we have aggressively sought to repair the systematic and systemic damage that has been inflicted on Black and Native people.

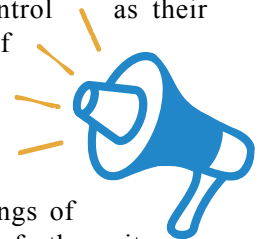
White Supremacy and its evil results will not be repaired in a short time. This repair is the work of our lifetimes; it will require real repentance, soul searching, and difficult conversations, including a deep commitment to change in our own faith communities. As we engage in that work, we can take concrete steps now to right some of the material wrongs that have been perpetrated.

Reparations means more than monetary compensation to individuals. Reparations must also include massive investment in health care, educational opportunities, job opportunities, home-ownership opportunities, and more for the descendants of people who were enslaved and for Indigenous people. The specifics of how to equitably make such opportunities available must come from the impacted people themselves. Communities of color need to be given the resources and the space to direct the repair that is so long overdue.

Correctional Systems Reform

We envision the closure of our prison facilities, beginning with the oldest and most outdated. The prison system as we know it will no longer exist. No longer will we invest in institutions that have punishment and control as their goal. Instead, we will follow a model of healing and restoration. Whenever harm is done, our goal must be to restore all parties to well-being.

If there is a need to deprive human beings of their liberty for their own safety or that of others, it will be for as short a period as possible, and the system will work entirely toward rehabilitation and reintegration.



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Human Rights in Schools

We envision a time when all parents will be empowered to take an active role in demanding that their children receive a complete education, including learning how to relate respectfully and productively with people of all races, abilities, identities, and backgrounds.

We will not eradicate racism in our society unless we address it aggressively in our schools. Solutions need to come from the “top” and from the “bottom.” The Department of Public Instruction must mandate policies that hold schools accountable, including a requirement that all schools have and enforce strong anti-racism policies. There must be accountability for school districts and administrators that tolerate racism by staff and/or students.



Locally, race relations need to be taught in all schools, at every grade level, and in every part of the state, with specific inclusive curriculum designed in partnership with parents of students of color.

Fair and Humane Treatment for Immigrants

We envision a future in which the United States will be a land that celebrates and welcomes immigrants, who add so much to our culture and our economy. We envision a time when unification of families and protection of persecuted people are the highest goals of our immigration system. We envision a day when the government agency overseeing immigration policy sees its primary purpose as helping people to enter the country and, if they desire, to make a home here. Everyone will be able to apply for a driver’s license. Asylum seekers (whether they are fleeing a government, gangs, or other oppression) will be welcomed.

At the same time that we welcome immigrants, we will also make major investments in poorer countries so that people are not forced to migrate for economic reasons or to escape other hardship.



Voting Rights

We envision a future in which every citizen is able to vote safely and securely, by mail or in person, without discriminatory barriers to registration or to participation in this most basic democratic right. No one should lose their right to vote, even if they have been convicted of a crime. Everyone is still part of the community.



We envision a time when district maps are drawn by non-partisan groups and are never designed to give advantage to any political party.

The Environment

If we are to survive as a society, the next 25 years must include a major effort to stop destroying our air, earth, and water. We envision a carbon-neutral Wisconsin and major investments in renewable energy and in protection of our water.

Our faith traditions tell us that as human beings we have a special responsibility to be “stewards” of the earth and of its resources, remembering that we are borrowing the planet from our grandchildren. We believe that must begin with humility. Our species is a newcomer. We need to recognize that the plants, the animals, and the rest of the natural world were here long before us, and that we have much to learn from them.

Transit/Transportation

We envision a transportation system that contributes to our goal of ecological sustainability and that is equitable for all people. Whether or not people have a car or a driver’s license, they need to be able to get to work, to medical appointments, to worship, to shopping, and to recreational venues. Public transportation needs to be extensive, convenient, and affordable. It needs to make the entire community accessible to all its members. And public transportation needs to be so convenient that people with cars will choose to use it, saving the environment and reintroducing community to our travel.

Economic Justice/Living Wage

We envision a world wherein the extreme wealth gap between rich and poor will be greatly reduced. Wealth earned by workers should flow horizontally to benefit the many, not upward and concentrated in the hands of a very few. No one who works full-time

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should live in poverty. Everyone should earn a just wage that sustains them and their dependents.

Health Care

We envision a time when healthcare is a human right, accessible to all citizens and residents of this nation on an equal basis. No one should have to choose between medication and rent or go without necessary treatment because they lack adequate healthcare coverage. We envision the day when health outcomes and life expectancy are not determined by race, ethnicity, or economic status.



Now it is your turn...

As people of faith, we believe that we need to keep a bold long-term vision, even as we work very hard to make progress today on winnable short-term issues. Does our vision for 2046 resonate with you? Is it too

bold? Not bold enough? We invite everyone in WISDOM – local organizations, faith community core teams, task forces, religious leaders, and others to reflect with us on this question: Where do we want to be in 25 years? ■

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WISDOM and MOSES Task Forces: Some History

By Carol Rubin

M OSES is one of WISDOM's 11 affiliates across the State of Wisconsin. For the first three years of MOSES' existence, the only task forces MOSES members worked on were WISDOM's Task Forces. We worked very tightly then with WISDOM because we were the newest affiliate and the only affiliate dedicated solely to criminal justice reform. In addition, the "11 by 15 Campaign" was new and WISDOM was deeply involved in moving it forward. All of WISDOM's Task Forces are state-wide with multiple affiliates participating—which is one of the reasons WISDOM's task forces are so effective.

Today, about 80% of the WISDOM Post-Release Task Force consists of MOSES members, and its two co-chairs are MOSES members, Jenna Ramaker and Carol Rubin. Thus, the fact that this is called a "WISDOM" task force might be slightly confusing. However, there is also regular participation from MICA in Milwaukee, ESTHER in the Fox River Valley, and JOB in Beloit. This cross-state collaboration is crucial to expanding our knowledge base and understanding how criminal justice operates on the ground in other counties.

It was only in 2014, when it became clear that Dane County was going to build a new jail, that MOSES created its JSRI Task Force with its focus only on Dane County. Last year

the second MOSES-only Task Force, Racial Justice for All Children [in Dane County] was created, and now MOSES also has the Public Safety Task Force.

It is important that all MOSES members understand that they can and should volunteer for WISDOM task forces as well as MOSES task forces. We're all part of WISDOM as well as MOSES. ■

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Engaging with WISDOM's "A Vision for 2046"

By Ann Lacy

Earlier this year, WISDOM's Executive Committee (the organization's elected officers) challenged themselves to imagine what might happen when WISDOM is successful. The result of that challenge was included in the "WISDOM Priorities" booklet developed for WISDOM's 2021 Madison Action Day (April 15). "[A Vision for 2046 - An Invitation to a Conversation](#)" may have been introduced in April, but it was not intended to be a static statement, distributed once and then forgotten. It was created as a stepping-off point for a conversation, as explained in its final section:

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The vision is intentionally broad and general, and not all of its sections are directly relevant to the work of MOSES. Selections from the first two sections, both resonant for MOSES, give a sense of its scope and tone.

From the first section, "Antiracism and Reparations":

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As part of the wider WISDOM Reset (see related article in this newsletter), affiliates around the state are engaging with "A Vision for 2046". Because each affiliate is different, how affiliates are choosing to join the conversation varies. Some are asking their religious leaders -- the "visioning arm" of their organizations -- to connect the vision with Scripture and use it in reflections. Others have brought the vision to their leadership boards for a nod of approval, or have taken parts of the vision to their internal task forces for feedback. Suggestions have been made for additions -- such as human trafficking, policing, teaching true history -- to the content and for the development of steps toward an action plan or series of action plans.

How will MOSES decide to engage with the "Vision for 2046"? Engaging with the vision was on the agenda for the July 17 MOSES Leadership Board meeting, but that is just one avenue for joining this WISDOM-wide conversation. To truly answer the question "Where do we want to be in 25 years?," what if each of us took some time, first individually and then perhaps in groups, to imagine what 2046 might look like if WISDOM and MOSES are successful? ■

Upcoming Meetings (via Zoom)

MOSES Meetings

General Membership

- Sunday, August 1, 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 12, 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 3, 2:30 p.m.

Leadership Board

- Saturday, September 18, 9-11 a.m.

Task Forces

- **Justice Reform Initiative (JSRI)**, August 12 & September 9, 6:30 p.m.
- **Public Safety**, August 19 and September 16, 6 p.m.
- **Racial Justice for All Children**, August 3 & September 7, 4 p.m.

Meet Returning Citizen Shar-Ron Buie

By Sherry Reames

Shar-Ron Buie practically hit the ground running when he was released from prison a year ago (late June 2020), after spending 25 years behind bars. Besides applying for jobs and taking care of neglected medical and dental issues, he went methodically through the many steps that were necessary to access the V.A. benefits that were owed to him as a Marine veteran with service-connected injuries, took a computer course to get up to speed with Google, rented and furnished an apartment, reconnected with his young grandson and other family members he hadn't seen in years, and got accepted into the Master's-level Criminal Justice degree program at UW-Platteville. Those are just the highlights of the first six months!

So far in 2021 Shar-Ron has completed the necessary training and passed the exam to become a certified peer support specialist, as well as taking a full semester of graduate coursework at Platteville, and started two jobs. He is now working for the Veterans Transitional Housing Program at Porchlight and also heading up a new Educational Preparedness Program at Marquette University, aiming to help other returnees and veterans make a successful transition to college.

If you ask Shar-Ron for the secret of his success, he will explain that he adjusted to the adversities of his prison experience by learning not to waste time. When he received a life sentence back in 1994, he expected to be out on parole after 16 or 17 years, which had been the average term for offenders in his category. So he started

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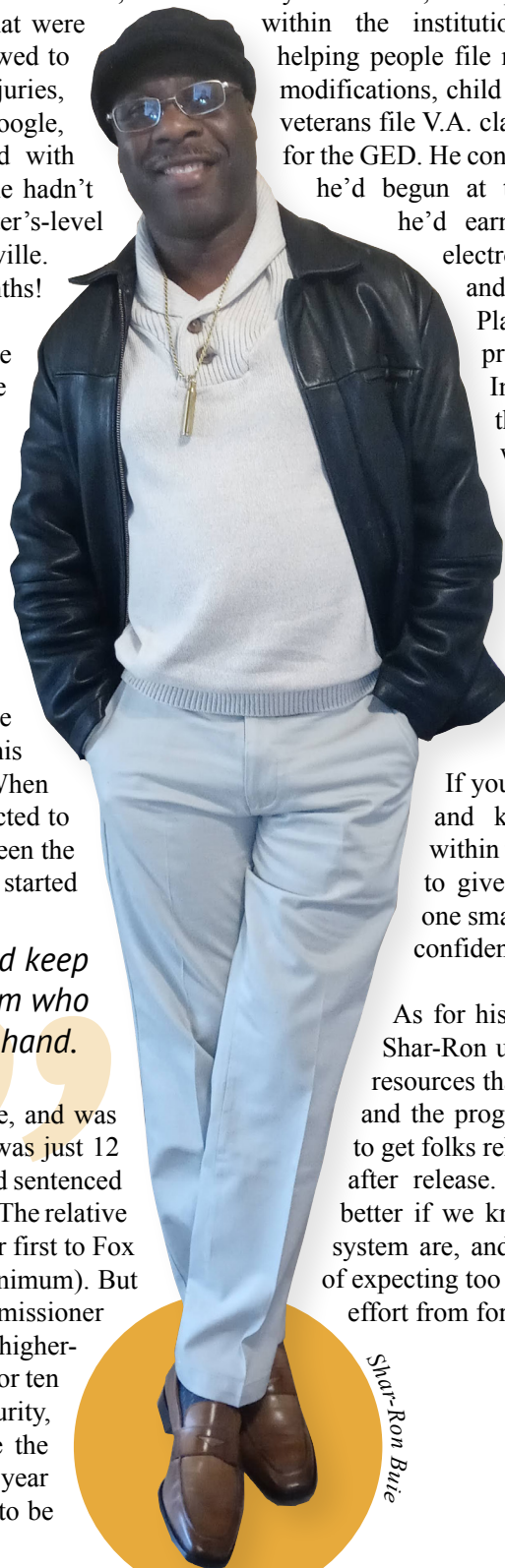
applying for parole as soon as he became eligible, and was encouraged at first because his initial deferment was just 12 months (better than average), and the D.A. who had sentenced him was writing letters in favor of his early release. The relative brevity of his early deferments allowed his transfer first to Fox Lake (medium security) and then to Oak Hill (minimum). But there he hit the brick wall of a hard-line parole commissioner who pushed him back to longer deferments and a higher-security status. Although he remained at Oak Hill for ten more years, he was never restored to minimum security, which would have allowed him to work outside the fence. He kept applying for parole, year after year (refusing to give up, as many prisoners do), only to be refused again – 18 times, in all.

In the face of all these setbacks, Shar-Ron discovered that he could preserve his sanity by finding productive work to do. He enrolled in every course and training program available, gained many new skills, and applied for more responsibilities within the institution. He became a paralegal, helping people file motions and briefs for sentence modifications, child support, and release. He helped veterans file V.A. claims and tutored those preparing for the GED. He continued his own education (which he'd begun at the Air Force College, where he'd earned an Associate's Degree in electronics in 1986), finishing his B.S. and starting graduate work at UW-Platteville. He also worked as the production clerk for Badger State Industries at Oak Hill, managing the supply chain and finding ways of making it work more efficiently.

When asked what advice he would give to other prisoners and returnees, Shar-Ron's message is straightforward: Don't let anybody tell you there aren't any opportunities, and don't give up on yourself!

If you make up your mind to succeed and keep trying, there are people within the system who will be delighted to give you a helping hand. Just take one small step at a time, rebuilding your confidence as you go.

As for his message to MOSES members, Shar-Ron urges us to learn more about the resources that exist within the prison system and the programs that have actually worked to get folks rehabilitated and ready for success after release. We can target our campaigns better if we know where the real gaps in the system are, and if we don't make the mistake of expecting too little personal responsibility and effort from former offenders themselves. ■



Shar-Ron Buie

After Life: My Journey from Incarceration to Freedom

By Alice Marie Johnson, with Nancy French • 2019, HarperCollins, 278 pages

Reviewed by Pam Gates

Alice Johnson was convicted of a nonviolent drug-trafficking offense in 1996, at the height of the War on Drugs. Her job was making phone calls to assist in major transactions, for which she received payment. She got involved because of a friend, a friend who knew she needed money. She had only a vague notion of what she was doing, but to her prosecutors that was irrelevant. They created a major case against her, making her out to be far more deeply involved than she was, and her lawyer seemed incapable of defending her. She was sentenced to prison for life.

That changed due to the efforts of Kim Kardashian West, wife of Kanye West, and their relationship with then-President Donald Trump. Johnson had been making her own case for years and repeatedly filed for clemency with President Obama, but the lists of the pardoned never contained her name. At last, though, thanks to political help from Kardashian West, the hard work of a dedicated team of lawyers, and the faithful support of her large family, Johnson finally walked free in 2018, after 21 years in the U.S. prison system.

Johnson is a multi-talented natural leader who seems determined to make the best of her life, wherever she may be. While imprisoned, she was able to work with prison chaplains to create large productions of a religious nature that gave many other prisoners outlets for their own acting, singing, dancing, or other artistic talents. She did much counseling of other prisoners and was highly valued by both staff and fellow inmates. Her situation didn't sound all that bad, in spite of being a prisoner. She had a fair amount of discretion in how she lived her life.

But of course she wasn't free. She couldn't be with her family. They often couldn't even visit her, due to the distance of her placements. She had to line up for counts umpteen times a day, etc., etc. She was perhaps more of a free agent because of her talents, personality, and leadership abilities, but she was also confined and subject to the same repressions as everyone else. She even ended up in solitary once, which, like essentially everyone else, she found very difficult.

She made an important discovery during her time in prison. "People have asked . . . how I was able to stay so positive about life in prison, and forgiveness is a big part of my answer. Being able to forgive gave me back my life." (p. 135) She recognized and acknowledged that she had done wrong, but she felt both that her punishment far outweighed what she had actually done, and that the charges against her – and her conviction – had been "enhanced" far beyond what

she had actually done. Nevertheless, she realized that "bitterness was causing [her] soul to rot," and she found the wherewithal to "release [her]self from the bitterness."

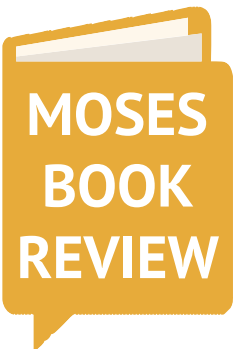
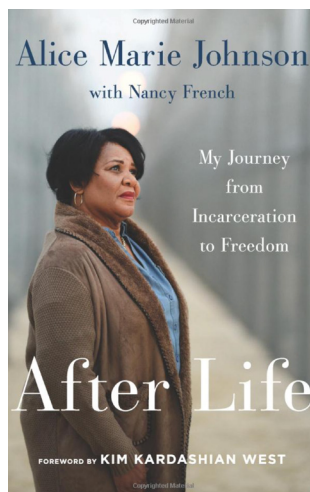
Johnson notes another aspect of the War on Drugs a few pages after her forgiveness story: "With all the thousands of drug convictions and sentences involving family members, it was common to see multiple generations of the same family incarcerated at the same prison." (p. 148) She told of one of her prison friends, a cosmetologist, who was allowed to practice her profession in prison. This offered her the added benefit of getting to see her mother, a paraplegic who was imprisoned in the same prison's hospital unit. The friend's situation was similar to Johnson's: "enhanced" charges of drug conspiracy, though she was neither the supplier nor the buyer, and had no previous convictions. But, given the laws of the time, the judge had had no choice but to sentence her to life in prison.

Johnson seems to be a lovely person who would be very nice to know, work with, and have as a friend. It was clear to me that her conviction was unconscionable and that there was no reason whatsoever for her to spend her life in prison. I found it troubling that her pardon was such an elaborate but also individualized process, and that the President himself had to be called in to actually make the decision. I also was troubled by the amount of showmanship involved, but that was probably because the two most prominent players were both in show business.

Kim Kardashian West just happened to discover Johnson's story. She took up her case because she saw the injustice. We rejoice that Johnson was able to go free, but what of so many others, with similar

convictions, who remain imprisoned? Johnson's is a wonderful, touching story, but the problem is still there for thousands, perhaps millions, of others. Johnson urges compassion for them too, and President Trump spoke at the time of changing laws to ease the release of people in Johnson's position. To my knowledge, though, that's as far as it's gotten.

This book is another tribute to the human spirit, a story of rising above inhumane odds that we the people are only dimly aware that we've allowed to be created. It's easy reading, and its protagonist is very likable. I recommend it for all those reasons. ■



Why I Am a Sustaining Member

By Patti La Cross

Raised just outside Milwaukee in the 1960s, I was blessed to attend grade school in a parish embracing the social justice focus of the recent Vatican Council. When our pastor taught religion weekly in my middle school years, he addressed events of the Civil Rights movement as struggles against oppression and poverty in our cities, and interpreted the plight of farmworkers exposed by Cesar Chavez in the light of the gospels. That became my lens to view the violence against protesters in Milwaukee shown on the TV news at home. Participating in and later helping lead high school retreats there and in central Milwaukee made those formative years, in which I also had the opportunity to study Liberation Theology coming out of Latin America.

In seminary in Chicago I participated in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Intensive, living with and assisting neighborhood leader Hattie Kay Williams amid highly concentrated “Projects” on Chicago’s South Side. I witnessed police blatantly ignoring the humanity and violating the human rights of virtually every Black male they saw and shooting so recklessly! Teaching in a South Side Catholic girl’s high school for four years, I discovered much beauty, talent, and courage, but also much death, imprisonment, broken families, broken neighborhoods. I understand and respect those who leave in order to live.

When we moved our family to Immokalee, Florida, in the early ‘90s, we saw what unrestrained power sheriffs and their deputies have in rural areas. We often wakened to a newspaper with the logo of “Old Sparky,” indicating that another person on death row would be executed. When Jim, my spouse, ran for school board, he couldn’t find any males between the ages of 18 and 55 eligible to vote in Everglade City; they’d all turned to running marijuana when

marshals escorted those ballots to the Court House, we saw the power of the Voting Rights Act.

Back in Madison after seven years, we were stunned by the growth of racial segregation and disparities. Through our children’s disappointment we learned how segregated school cafeterias and activities were, as opposed to their own acceptance in Florida into the rich diversity of the Mexican/Haitian/Guatemalan/American Black dynamic in sports, parties, neighborhood meals, and sleepovers.



Patti La Cross

I think in some way each of the five of us has tried to live the inclusion we were offered in Immokalee. When MOSES representatives came to Holy Wisdom to speak of their work in about 2013, with Jim Greene’s encouragement I soon got involved. My spouse, Jim, also joins WISDOM/MOSES actions. The Racial Justice for All Children Task Force allows me to honor and advocate from my previous work with marginalized families through the Madison School District. While disturbed by the criminal system’s machinations, after being back here for two decades I accept that I share the responsibility to get it moving toward justice through MOSES.

For years I ran grant-funded programs and know how important it is to have steady money. We signed up to be sustainers because of that, and because it’s easier than not! ■

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shrimping died out. Registering new voters, we learned that Latinos were systematically kept from registering, so we pushed on that. But when the polls closed and federal

How do you become a sustaining member?

It’s easy! Decide how much you wish to contribute to MOSES each month (there is a \$10 monthly minimum to participate through electronic funds transfer), then download and fill out this [form](#), and mail the form with a voided check to MOSES, PO Box 7031, Madison, WI 53707. As an affiliate of WISDOM, MOSES shares in WISDOM’s 501(c)3 status. To ensure that donations are tax-deductible, WISDOM coordinates the monthly electronic giving program through electronic funds transfer.

Questions?

Contact treasurer.moses.madison@gmail.com.

No Work Rummage Sale

By Bonnie Magnuson

A better name might be “The Way Less Work Than It Sounds” rummage sale. A lot has changed since the Fundraising Team first planned a MOSES rummage sale pre-pandemic, but we are forging ahead anyway. The sale will be just one short day, **Saturday, September 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Consider this shortened version a trial run to work out the kinks for next year. What makes this rummage sale less work? No pricing! People will be asked to pay what they think an item is worth or what they can afford.

What can you do?

Start collecting your items to donate now. Sign up to help (see below). St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church at 6205 University Avenue in West Madison has generously offered us their church to use for the sale. St. Dunstan’s is all on one level, including ample parking, handicapped accessibility, and bathrooms. Items may be dropped off Thursday evening and all day Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What kinds of items are we looking for?

Everything must be clean and in good shape. We want everything to find a home because we have to pack up what’s left for St. Vinnie’s. Clothing must be on a hanger and sized. Please be selective. No dressers, bureaus, or mattresses, but kitchen appliances and sporting goods are welcome. Books, of course, but again be selective. Also craft supplies, kitchen equipment, baby items, tools, pet items, etc. Odd items are welcome. For example, I have antique brass andirons that no one in the family

wants, plus many antique silver utensils good for crafters. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie via email: bonniemagnuson@gmail.com or Sister Joan at (608) 509-6933.

Volunteers are needed all day Friday and Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

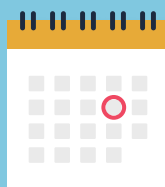
On Saturday we need an extra burst of help at 2 p.m. to help pack up. Muscles are appreciated. A two-hour work stint and an extra half-hour to browse should be adequate. Please send Bonnie the times you are available. You might consider signing up with friends or see this as an opportunity to talk about MOSES.

What else could we use?

We could also use extra folding tables to display the merchandise, an extra clothes rack, and good packing boxes. Please let Bonnie know if you are able to bring any of these. We all have friends who have had a very bad year who could use a few extra useful things or a homeless client who has just gotten their first apartment. Let’s make this fun and useful for a lot of folks!

One last request

If you have something unique, let Bonnie know so she can put it in our ad. Thank you for your support! ■



“No Work” Rummage Sale Fundraiser

WHEN

Saturday, September 4, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHERE

St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church,
6205 University Avenue, West Madison

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. Start collecting items to donate
2. Sign up to help
3. Shop!

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