

From Resilience to Restoration

UU Justice Florida is partnering with this People's Justice Council (PJC) Initiative.

Archimedes once said, "Give me but a firm spot on which to stand, and I shall move the earth." **Communities of faith are a firm spot from which to move the South—and the whole earth.** We are working through existing networks and faith-based communities to create *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs throughout the South and beyond. We are starting with a centralized, online database of resources geared toward adaptation and use by individual houses of faith in creating local *From Resilience to Restoration* plans. **Our emphasis is on our most vulnerable, frontline communities.**

Our Vision

To utilize a sports metaphor, you cannot win if you are simply playing a defensive game. Therefore, we are building *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs at the national, state, and local (house of faith) levels. We envision a future in which local communities are strengthened by a restoration of environmental and social/economic systems that enable us not just to live life, but to live it to the fullest, in a Just, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive (JEDI) future.

Key Contacts

PJC Executive Director and Grist 2020 Fixer Reverend Michael Malcom is Restoration Hub

Coordinator.Malcom is facilitating the establishment of *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs throughout the South and beyond. Rev Malcom's interfaith environmental justice (EJ) work has led to such initiatives as the <u>Southeast Faith Leaders Network</u>. He is also the Environmental Justice Representative for the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, the co-chair of the Building Power from the Grassroots Task Force with Climate Action Network International, and the co-chair of the Environmental Justice working group for the Southeast Climate and Energy Network.

PJC Program and Policy Director Kyle Crider is closely assisting Rev Malcom. Crider holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree with a double emphasis in Urban Planning & Policy Analysis. He is also a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, Neighborhood Development (LEED AP ND).

"Mustard Seed" Funding

As a member of America's first <u>Justice40 Initiative cohort</u>, the PJC is helping direct vital funding and other resources to the frontline communities where they are most needed. Let us help you develop a local *From Resilience to Restoration* plan. But first, let us help you become more resilient (and save money): One vital first step in this initiative is our <u>Weatherizing Every Residence in the South East</u> (WERiSE) program, a part of our <u>Energizing the South for Energy Justice</u> campaign. If you, or someone you know, are experiencing high energy bills, we can help. Let us show you how!

Let Us Hear From You!

Want more information? Need help paying your energy bills? Do you have knowledge and other resources to share? We're all in this together. Let's make *From Resilience to Restoration* happen.

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From Resilience to Restoration: Leveraging Houses of Faith to Move the Gulf South.

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