



Climate Justice and Environmental Justice

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About Me



Church and
the Plastic
Bag Monster

Environmental
Justice and
Finding Home

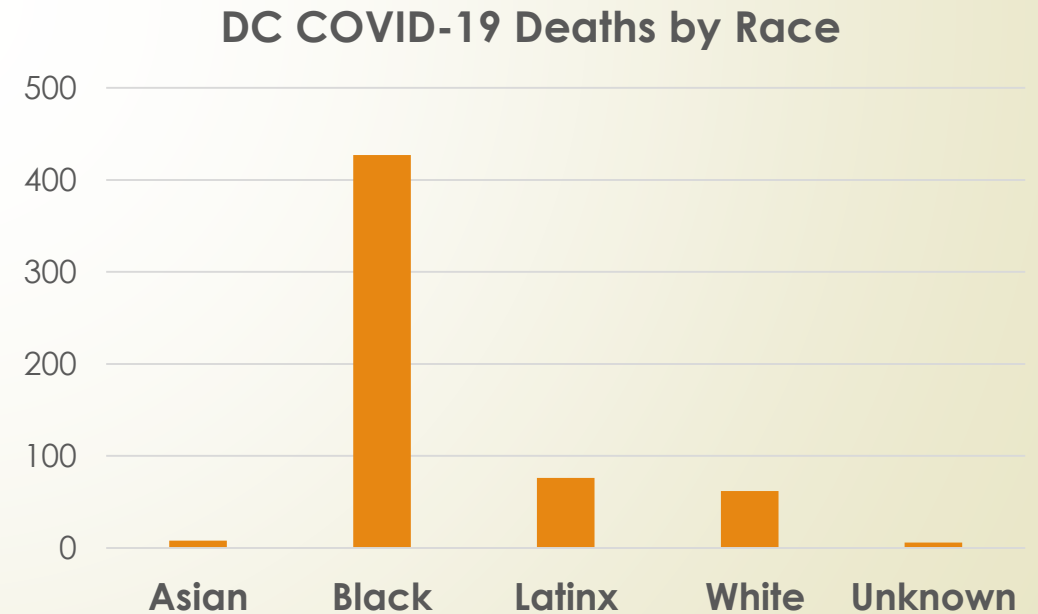
What Does
Black Liberation
Look Like?

The Moment

- ▶ We are creating a new normal
- ▶ Crises affect us differently
- ▶ Racial injustice is deadly



Source: Tyrone Turner DCist





Climate Justice

Climate Change impacts
Black, Brown, Indigenous and
Poor Communities **FIRST** and
WORST



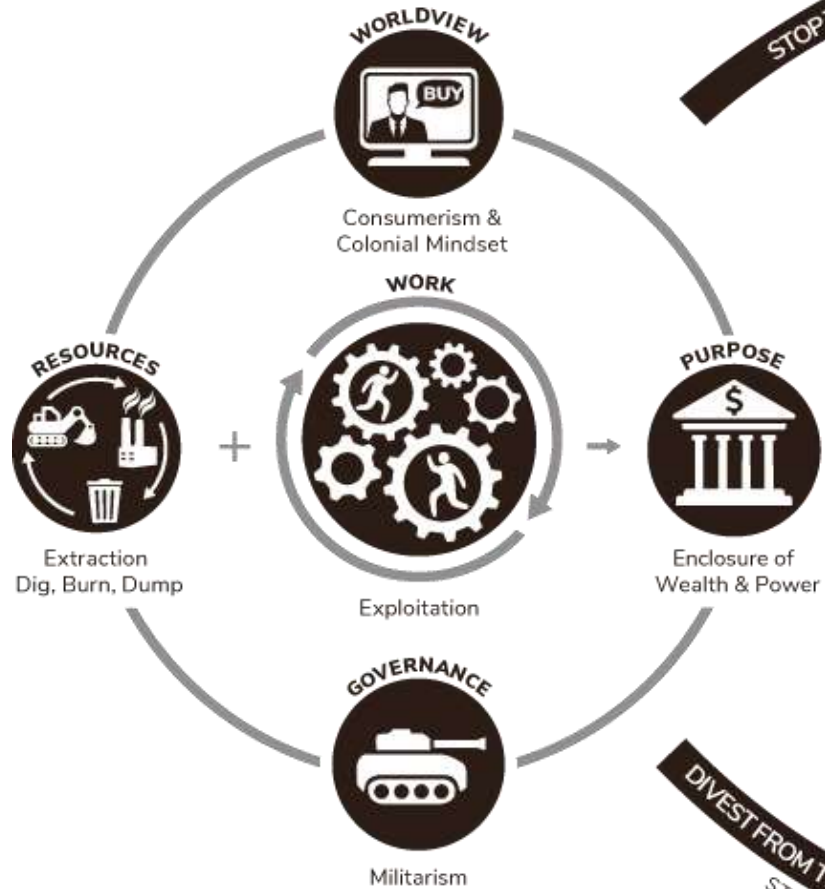


What is a *Just Transition*?

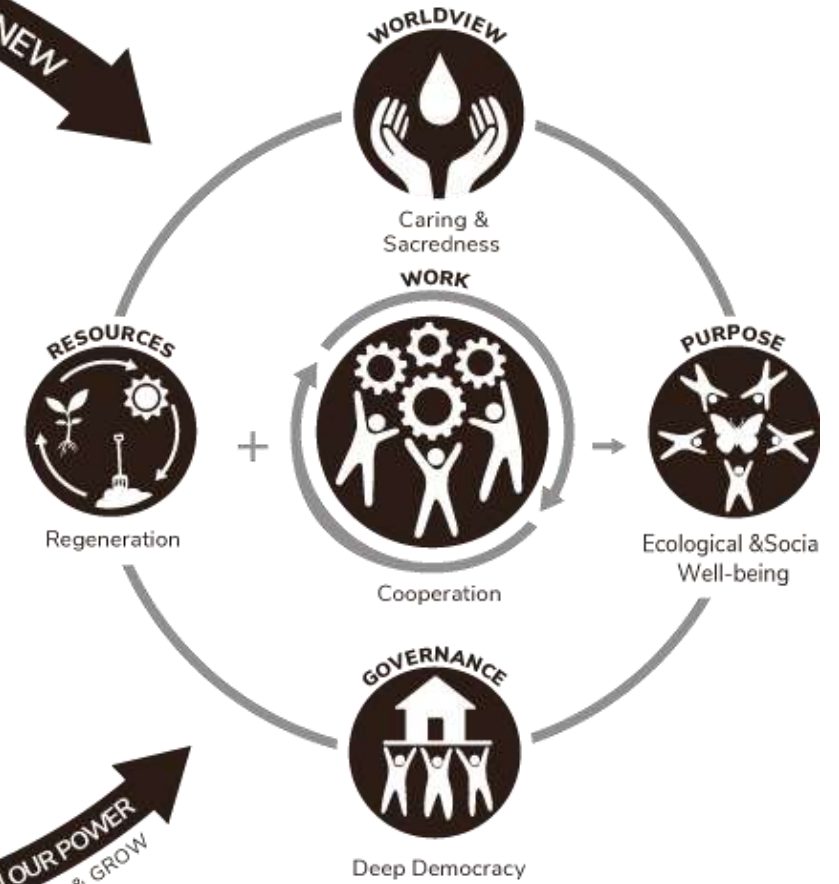
- ▶ “Just Transition is a vision-led, unifying and place-based set of principles, processes, and practices that build economic and political power **to shift from an extractive economy to a regenerative economy.**
- ▶ Shift economic control to communities
- ▶ Democratize wealth and the workplace
- ▶ Advance ecological restoration
- ▶ Drive racial justice and social equity
- ▶ Relocalize most production and consumption
- ▶ Retain and restore cultures and traditions

- Climate Justice Alliance

Extractive Economy



Regenerative Economy



STOP THE BAD
SOLUTIONS THAT ARE VISIONARY AND OPPOSITIONAL
BUILD THE NEW

CHANGE THE RULES
DRAW DOWN MONEY AND POWER

International
National
Local

DIVEST FROM THEIR POWER
STARVE & STOP

INVEST IN OUR POWER
FEED & GROW



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requires...

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- ▶ **Investment in Marginalized Communities and Leaders**



Leadership From Marginalized Voices

- **Equitable and Just National Climate Platform**
 - **100% Network: Regenerative & Just 100% Policy Building Blocks**
 - **Just Transition Fund: National Economic Transition Platform**
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Investment in Marginalized Communities and Leaders

New York: Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (2019)

- ▶ Who: NY Renews (200+ EJ, labor and community groups)
- ▶ How does it benefit marginalized communities:
 - ▶ 40% of benefits directed to EJ communities
 - ▶ Consideration of environmental justice in Department of Environmental Conservation emissions reductions decisions
 - ▶ Community Air Monitoring Program
 - ▶ GHG emissions and pollutant reductions are prioritized in EJ communities



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Illinois: Future Energy Jobs Act (2016)

- ▶ Who: Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition
- ▶ How does it benefit marginalized communities:
 - ▶ Invests \$750 million to workforce development and customer savings programs
 - ▶ Creates Solar for All program (launched May 2019)
 - ▶ 25% of incentives are designated for EJ Communities
- ▶ Next Steps:
 - ▶ Clean Energy Jobs Act (S.B. 2132 proposed February 2019)



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What you can do: Educate yourself and Amplify Marginalized Voices

- ▶ [Community Lawyering for EJ and CJ](#)
- ▶ [State Approaches to a Just Transition](#)
- ▶ [EJ Reading List](#)

- ▶ www.ajustclimate.org
- ▶ www.100percentnetwork.org
- ▶ www.nationaleconomictransition.org

How have you supported marginalized communities today?
(read, donate, share)





Thank You!

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