

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A Christian Voice for Human Rights in the United States.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Reflecting on the events of 2018, I am reminded that the time is ripe for a renewed commitment to human rights. Last year we witnessed the ongoing humanitarian crisis on our southern border as those fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries were met with hostility and fear in our own. Instead of welcome, many were turned away or detained. Vulnerable children were ripped from their parents' arms. On our watch, two children died in detention and countless others remain separated from their parents. This alarming trend runs contrary to the standards of international law, not to mention the biblical mandate to welcome the stranger among us.

Despite the grim headlines there were glimmers of hope. In November, we elected to our nation's highest offices more women of color than ever before. The 2019 freshman congressional class includes the first-ever female Muslim and Native American representatives, reflecting the diversity of our country. While the struggle for racial and gender equality continues, it is encouraging to see movement in the right direction.

I believe the momentum for justice will continue to grow as more people of Christian faith raise their voices for human rights. Thanks to the vision of our founder, and the dedication of our board of directors and volunteers, Justice Revival continues to engage Christian communities across the country in our unique programs, which educate and equip us all to live justly, recognizing the inherent value of each member of the human family.

Looking ahead to 2019 and beyond, I see the possibility of a world where no child will be scarred by the trauma of immigration to the United States. I dream of the day when we treat each other as though we are serving Jesus himself. We remain deeply grateful for the generosity of supporters like you and are inspired by your faithful commitment to justice for all. Working together, we can make the dream a reality. The time for revival is now.

Yours in Faith,

Erin K. Grayson Chair, Board of Directors

Mission & Vision

Last year the world celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an historic proclamation in which nations of the world agreed on a common standard of human rights for all people, everywhere.

American leadership was crucial to that groundbreaking effort, but today the future of our nation's commitment to fundamental human rights and freedoms is in question.

In 2018 the United States retreated further from the human rights system it once helped create, quitting the United Nations Human Rights Council. The U.S. government's harsh treatment of migrants and asylum seekers prompted judicial review and public outcry. Suppression of voting rights harmed communities of color and racial injustice persisted throughout the criminal system. A UN expert report shed light on extreme poverty in the U.S., which violates human rights in numerous ways. Two more states approved the Equal Rights Amendment, but full equality remains an aspiration for women.

The moral concept of human rights has deep Christian roots. It begins with the conviction that every person is made in the image of God and has profound dignity and worth. By definition, human rights are the birthright of every woman, man, and child. They exist independently of race, color, religion, gender, nationality, sexuality, class, caste, age, or ability. Human rights are not a reward for good behavior or a privilege reserved for people with wealth and power. They are a basic standard of treatment that every person in the world deserves simply by virtue of their humanity. For Christians called to love our neighbors as ourselves, respecting others' human rights is our duty—the moral floor below which we should not sink. **The Christian case for human rights is strong, but too often in America today it is not heard.**

Imagine what the United States might look like if people of faith were united in calling our leaders to fulfill their duty to respect and protect the human rights of all people. Imagine if human rights were respected as a moral imperative, rather than played for political gain. Imagine if human rights were the moral bottom line for the U.S. and our public servants were truly accountable for failing to uphold them.

We believe that a world in which the dignity and rights of the most vulnerable are safeguarded will be a world where the Kingdom of God is reflected more clearly. We believe that the United States has a responsibility to use its power and wealth for the common good of humanity, and that Christians are called to play a part in guiding the country along this moral path. Until the day when the Lord will dry every tear, may we remain steadfast in the sacred cause of seeking justice for "the least of these."

THE MISSION OF JUSTICE REVIVAL IS:

TO INSPIRE, EDUCATE, AND MOBILIZE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES TO FULFILL THE BIBLICAL CALL TO JUSTICE BY STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED AND DEFENDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL.

THE STORY OF JUSTICE REVIVAL

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR MINISTRY

Justice Revival was founded in 2017, after many years of reflection on the need for a stronger Christian voice for human rights in the United States. As a human rights lawyer helping widows and orphans in East Africa, Founder Allyson McKinney Timm witnessed what a lifeline human rights can be for those on the margins. She saw the great good faith communities can do when they stand for the "least of these," and the serious harm that results when they exclude anyone from the law's protection. This prompted concern for the way Christianity is used by some in America to oppose human rights—despite the biblical values of love, justice, and human worth that call us to defend the rights of our neighbors, who are God's children.

In early 2017, Allyson began gathering Christian leaders who shared this concern and saw an opportunity to build a new community united by faith in Christ and a commitment to the equal dignity and rights of all people. The founding board of directors cultivated the vision of U.S. Christians calling on America to fulfill its promise of justice for all. Drawing on her experience teaching human rights at Yale Law school, Allyson taught the group's first Christian human rights course at First Presbyterian Church New Haven in March 2017. Justice Revival incorporated in the District of Columbia in August 2017 and was granted 501(c)(3) status in April 2018.



Allyson McKinney Timm gathering ideas from South Sudanese women for improving peace and justice outcomes in their community, as part of a 2009 project with a church-based development organization.

Pioneering Christian Human Rights Education

The heart of Justice Revival's ministry in 2018 was the continued development of "Human Rights in Christian Perspective," a pioneering educational offering for churches. It is the first of its kind, enabling participants to gain a broad understanding of human rights from theological, historical, and legal perspectives and to explore the implications for current justice issues in the United States.

	2017	2018	TOTAL
NUMBER OF Churches Served	3	5	8
HOURS OF Education Provided	7	16	23
NUMBER OF Participants (est.)	60	125	185

Thanks in part to a generous gift from **Calvary Presbyterian Church** in San Francisco, Justice Revival made strides in developing this innovative course content, which we plan to share more broadly with churches across the country in years to come.

In 2018 Justice Revival also formed a relationship with **Wesley Theological Seminary's** Center for Public Theology. Last spring Executive Director Allyson McKinney Timm spoke on several occasions to students in the Center's programs. Seminary classroom outreach provides another valuable opportunity to raise awareness about the vital importance of Christian engagement on human rights.





Our church education spanned five states and touched an estimated 125 people in 2018.



HERE IS WHAT A FEW LEADERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT OUR CLASSES

"Our members loved the Justice Revival series.

The classes have sparked new interest in how we address human rights concerns as a congregation.

Allyson is a gifted teacher and provides the crucial academic and spiritual connections between legal/political frameworks and the collective work of faith."

BILLY KLUTZ, WORSHIP LEADER IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MCCLEAN, VA "[Allyson] brings a wealth of professional experience, but more importantly, an engaging and open approach to the subject. She encouraged participation and skillfully directed the group discussion. We would certainly hope she could join us again!"

TRACY RANKIN, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BETHESDA, MD

Resources for Action

Last year Justice Revival began equipping congregations to act by making leading resources on Human Rights Day available on our web site and amplifying the United Nations campaign for the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. By curating resources, we identified an opportunity to create and provide additional tools to help Christian communities commemorate this "holy day of justice" during Advent each December.

Building Advocacy Skills & Networks

Board members represented Justice Revival at three faith-inspired advocacy events in 2018. These included Ecumenical Advocacy Days, the Sojourners' Summit, and Bread for the World Advocacy Summit. Participants spoke to lawmakers about vital issues of hunger and poverty, as well as the plight of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. In addition to networking with other faith and justice leaders, we sharpened our advocacy skills and observed how others engage human rights concepts—all of which informs the unique advocacy strategy Justice Revival is developing.

Inaugural DC Benefit

Dozens of friends and advocates gathered in Washington, DC on October 13, 2018 to celebrate the mission and vision of Justice Revival and to commit to supporting its work. The evening was a first for Justice Revival as board members shared the strong Christian case for human rights and invited others to join a new Christian movement to center human rights in the work for justice and liberation.

Delonte Gholston, Pastor of Peace Fellowship Church in DC, ministered in song and Executive Director Allyson McKinney Timm gave a rousing homily on the important work Justice Revival has been called to take forward, "for such a time as this." We were blessed by our gracious hosts at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. We look forward to making the DC Benefit an annual event, and hope to see you there in 2019!



TOP PHOTO: JUSTICE REVIVAL
FOUNDER ALLYSON MCKINNEY
TIMM AND BOARD MEMBER
DERICK DAILEY MET SENATOR
CLAIRE MCCASKILL AS PART OF AN
ADVOCACY DAY ON HUNGER ISSUES.

BOTTOM PHOTOS: JUSTICE REVIVAL'S INAUGURAL DC BENEFIT WAS AN EXCITING MILESTONE AND DREW A DIVERSE GROUP OF HUMAN RIGHTS-ALLIED PARTICPANTS.



Gratitude for Your Support

Justice Revival is profoundly grateful for the generous support of our donor community. Last year 79 households contributed financially to advance our mission of serving as a Christian voice for human rights. Each and every gift played a meaningful role during this critical first full year, and we thank you all for partnering with us.

Justice Revival would like to honor and acknowledge those donors who led the way >

Benefactors - \$5,000+

Grant Me the Wisdom Foundation Jennifer Gee

Advocates - \$1,000 - \$5,000

Calvary Presbyterian Church Derick Dailey Erin & Tony Grayson Greg & Carol Lindstrom Marvin & Sue Ann McKinney Carolyn Perry Lori Price

Sponsors - \$500 - \$1,000

Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous Simon Timm & Allyson McKinney Timm

Supporters - \$250 - \$500

Jeff Baker Chris Chateleine-Samsen Samara Christman Bruce & Deborah MacLeod Carolyn Sharp

Friends - \$100 - 250

Marilyn Ashby
Jen Bae
Larry & Katie Brown
Jeff Buenrostro
Lind Carr
Nancy Chandler
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Lois Dress
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Cynthia & De Ellefson
David Gray
Nicolette Grams
Kalekye Kivinda
Stacey Lawrence
John Marshall
Sylvia Mestayer-Collins
Nancy Ostheimer
Freida Ossi Salvador
Beth Davis Sanders
Sherry Talbot
Dianne & Jeff Thompson

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Justice Revival is an all-volunteer force, and we are deeply grateful to the many friends and supporters who have lent their time and talents to this ministry. Volunteers have generously helped us connect with church partners, develop our advocacy strategy, host the DC benefit, and create web-based educational resources.

To each of our volunteers past and present, we give thanks for you!

Volunteer Spotlights:

PEPPERDINE School of Law

Since 2017 Justice Revival has enjoyed a fruitful, enriching partnership with the Community Justice Clinic at Pepperdine School of Law in California. Known for Christian values as well as excellence in legal training, Pepperdine is a welcome and fitting partner. Under the guidance of Professor Jeff Baker, clinic students serve causes of "human rights, social justice, economic development, and empowerment for vulnerable people around the world." In 2017 and 2018, a total of seven students worked over three semesters to help Justice Revival apply for and obtain federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, comply with state law fundraising requirements, and assess U.S. immigration policy changes under international human rights law.



Justice Revival would also like to extend a special word of appreciation to attorneys John McCormick and Bob O'Connell and the law firm of Fish & Richardson P.C., which is generously providing complementary legal services focused on protecting our organization's trademark. We are grateful for John, Bob, and their team for their outstanding professional services in ongoing support of our mission.

Justice Revival's Founding Board of Directors

We are humbled by the faith, dedication, and expertise of our volunteer board of directors who work tirelessly to realize the mission of Justice Revival. Despite being a geographically dispersed group, the directors govern the organization cohesively—with an eye on growth and sustainability. Individual board members lend professional expertise to benefit our management with communications, advocacy, and content development.

In June the board convened for a three-day retreat, generously hosted by board member Jim Ehrman, at his home in southeastern Pennsylvania. In addition to establishing strategic priorities and elaborating the organization's theory of change, the board committed to planning an annual fundraising benefit and brainstormed other avenues to support this critical ministry.



Dr. James Ehrman
Vice President and
Dean of Academic Services
Assistant Professor of
Leadership and Culture

Rev. Erin K. Grayson, Chair Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry, PCUSA Allyson McKinney Timm, Esq. International Human Rights Expert Founder and Executive Director

Jennifer Gee, Secretary Communications Expert

Derick Dailey, Esq., Treasurer Attorney at Law

Financial Statements

Thanks to so many supporters, Justice Revival posted strong financials in 2018. Central to its success was the diversity of donors who spanned every corner of the country—with church partners in the Pacific Northwest, the Bay Area and the Washington, DC region; major donors in the Heartland, Southwest, and West Coast; recurring monthly donors in the Northeast and north Florida; community support in the Mid-Atlantic; and even one donor who lives in Tokyo. Justice Revival's unique message of liberation and justice cuts across those characteristics that tend to divide the Church—race, age, religion, gender, sexuality and creed.

Justice Revival finished FY 2018 with a revenue net gain of \$18,822, with cash revenue topping \$39,000 and total cash expenses of \$20,202. The financial statements reflect a significant in-kind contribution of the Executive Director's services. The primary source of cash revenue was individual donations (79.5%) and the large majority of expenses went to fund our programs (69.9%).

Justice Revival has started strong and needs your support to ramp up our efforts to expand our reach across the country. We invite you to join this movement by giving—any and every size gift will make a significant difference. We are counting on you.

With Gratitude,

Derick D. Dailey, Esq. Treasurer, Board of Directors

Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2018

INCOME	
Contribution Income	39,024
In-Kind Income	87,432
TOTAL INCOME	126,456
EXPENSES	
Communications	1,184
Fundraising	748
Contractors	6,750
In-Kind	87,432
Travel	3,129
Professional Services	2,999
Printing and Related	888
Other Expenses	4,504
TOTAL EXPENSES	107,634
Change in Net Assets	18,822
Net Assets Beginning of Period	1,543
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Statement of Financial Position
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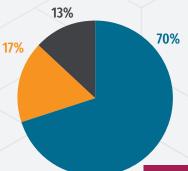


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Build the Movement: You Can Make a Difference!

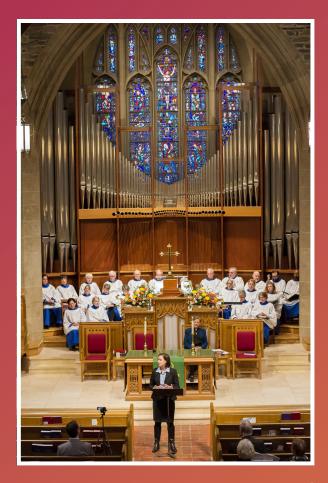
Support Justice Revival in 2019

Will you consider a gift to help Justice Revival provide human rights education to more churches this year? Your sustaining monthly donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or more will grow the movement of Christians around the country speaking out in love for justice and equality. Together as the body of Christ, we can chip away at the barriers of discrimination which limit too many from living an abundant life, full of potential.

justicerevival.org/donations/

Bring Justice Revival to Your Community

Is your faith community concerned about the growing injustice in the United States? Perhaps you're seeking new resources to support your justice ministry, or theological insights to connect this work to the life of faith. Consider inviting Justice Revival to your community. We are available to offer our flagship course, "Human Rights in Christian Perspective," as a series or workshop, and to provide sermons, keynote remarks, and other presentations on the urgency of human rights and its importance to a Christian understanding of justice.



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