

Environmental Justice
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Hello! I would like to share my General Assembly experience with you. This was my first time participating in General Assembly. I appreciated the opportunity and was impressed with all that was offered there. When our minister, Drew, asked me to share, I started thinking about everything that encompasses the subject and I was overwhelmed at first. I learned more about myself and about Environmental Justice than I imagined I would. I discovered that environmental justice is more than protecting trees and water, and that Climate Change affects us all. Like John Muir said, “When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.”

I was more focused on the health and safety of animals than for people. I found that I had to look at systems of power and societal inequalities, and challenge my white privileged environmentalism. To care about climate justice is to care about anti-racism, feminism, anti-capitalism, anti-injustice, and anti-oppression. Climate change is only the latest symptom of these oppressive systems. Environmental problems can cause serious effects on humans resulting in inadequate nutrition, disease, unsafe homes, and more. With this new awareness, I can see the importance of the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Our elections are an integral part of this process. As a climate advocate, voting is a critical way to make your voice heard. It is up to us to seek out and involve people in the process of sustaining and hopefully improving the prognosis of this planet.