

**Dear Energy Champions,**

**Dogwood Alliance, Kingdom Living Temple, and other partners are planning a Justice First Tour throughout the Southeast during the months of April through August 2018.**

**You are well aware of the turmoil and the threats to progress our world is facing and the various ways in which minorities and low-income communities' voices are suppressed or otherwise discounted in our democracy. Southern communities are on the front-lines of the climate crisis in the US bearing the greatest impacts from recent extreme weather events, as an economic system of exploitation continues to dominate resources and politics at every level, concentrating power and wealth into the hands of a few, while many people suffer.**

**Unfortunately, our very best intentions have often left us silent and segmented when it comes to speaking with one unified voice. Therefore, we are calling for all activists, advocates, organizers, and inhabitants, citizens young and old, to come together and unite in one voice for justice. Whether we're calling for earth justice, climate justice, environmental justice, economic justice, gender justice, racial justice, sexual orientation justice, etc., we all need to put justice first. That will give us a big tent to organize around and unite our struggles.**

**Through this tour we hope to inspire and deepen conversations about why we need a justice solidarity movement in the South and what this could look like and achieve. We hope to gauge interest and commitment to mobilizing together in 2018 around the People's Climate March rallies and 2018 elections.**

**We are asking you, a devoted and dedicated advocate for justice, to join us in our Justice First Tour. We are looking for organizations to partner with us in the following states: Arkansas, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. As a partnering organization, we are asking you to mobilize your members, organizations that you work with, and residents of your community to join us in a speaking and listening town hall style community event.**

**Additionally, we are looking for co-hosts to provide assistance in identifying and inviting speakers from the community to address local issues, providing transportation to the venues, and finding a venue for the tour stop. In return for co-hosting the event, your organization will be included in tour materials, including flyers and posters, a tour website, and interviewed for the podcast covering the tour.**

**We are including with this a request of your support, which we call the doc or document of collaboration. This document is an agreement to collaborate with other justice-seeking organizations to support each other and speak with one voice. Even more important than mobilizing people at events, we need to send people back to their communities with certain acts and tasks to organize around. We want to encourage people to register to vote and be involved in voting engagement, so that we can reclaim the houses of legislation and the executive office that are rightfully the people's of this great nation.**

**We will be organizing a conference call with partnering organizations to begin conversations and planning for the upcoming Southeast Justice First Tour. We hope that you will join us and will be in touch with you with a more formal invitation to join our email list.**

**Yours in solidarity for the ultimate victory.**

**Yours Truly,**

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