



## Lace on Race Newsletter July 16, 2020

Lace and her Team would like to welcome new walkers! We hope you find your time here challenging, exhorting, and that you find durable and reliable community here, all in the service of **the North Star of Lace on Race which is to lessen and mitigate the harm endured by Black and brown people perpetuated by white people**. Be sure to read the Guidelines; they will help you to navigate this space best. We also want to welcome our newest Sustainer Circle members. Sustainer Circle members don't get more; more is expected of them, as they lean into enhanced roles in the LoR community.

Part of adding more transparency and ease as you walk with the Lace on Race community is our desire to post a weekly update. Each update will highlight the prominent posts that are important for you to read and engage with, the status of budget for the month, and our featured organizations for the month.

Our Latest Website Posts:

[bit.ly/ShowHideRacism](https://bit.ly/ShowHideRacism)

[bit.ly/StolenSupport](https://bit.ly/StolenSupport)

July Budget Numbers: \$8321/\$8,000 goal

*July Featured Organizations (who they are):*

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| <i>Nurturing Roots</i> | Nurturing Roots is a community farming program focused on educating youth & community members on healthy food choices. Creating community through gardening |
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*Washington Immigrant  
Solidarity Network*

- *Immigrant Health Response*
  - Bridging food access to undocumented families
  - Raising awareness surrounding food access and COVID-19 testing
  - Providing accurate and vetted information in the known language via WAISN hotline
  - Advocating for dignity to undocumented workers through access to resources and benefits and working to halt the detention and deportation machine
  
- *Fair Fight Bond Fund*

The Immigrant Bond Fund gives immigrants in Washington a fighting chance. We provide the bond money that allows detained immigrants to go back to their lives and families while they build a case to gain status.
  
- *Deportation Defense* - The rapid-response system includes:
  - A hotline to receive reports from the field of ICE and other immigration enforcement activity.
  - A mobile app to communicate with the hotline and text alert system. (In development as of January 2018)
  - Volunteers around the state to staff the hotline, receive calls, verify incidents, and send out text alerts.
  - A text alert system that people can subscribe to that sends text-message notifications of verified ICE activity.
  - Networks of rapid-response volunteers around the state to physically go to verified incidents, bear witness and support those targeted.
  
- *Accompaniment Program*

The Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network accompaniment program recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people navigating the

pipelines of the immigration machine; to their immigration hearings, ICE check-ins, and civil courthouse matters.

- *Hotline* - The Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network's statewide Hotline is a powerful tool that provides an avenue for our immigrant and refugee communities to:
  - Report Immigration Custom and Enforcement (ICE)/Custom Border Patrol (CBP) activity in their community
  - Report the detention of a group or individual
  - Obtain information or referral assistance for relatives/friends who have been detained
  - Access Know-your-rights information
  - Obtain access to services such as Fair Fight Bond & Accompaniment

For those of you who want to become Sustainers, or who consider yourselves Sustainers but have yet to fill out the form for 2020, let us know, and we'll walk you through the process.

A sustainer is someone who has been consistently in the Lace on Race Community **for 6 months or more** and is committed to *financially sustaining* this space and *regularly engaging* in the community. Our Sustainer Circle is not about perks or access to exclusive content. Rather, it is about another level of accountability and responsibility. As a Sustainer, you have spent time in the community, practice Kind Candor, and are ready to walk consistently with fellow community members.

[bit.ly/SustainerForm](https://bit.ly/SustainerForm)

If you do not meet the criteria of a Sustainer because you have not been a consistent committed community member for 6 months or more, but you are still interested in becoming a Sustainer, please fill out our Sustainer In Training form below. Sustainers In Training of 2020, we are thankful you are committed to join us as we learn together to walk with intention, grace, and respect. As a sustainer in training, you are dedicated to monthly contributions, wrestling with deeper content, and engaging with purpose for a minimum of 6 months before signing up to be a Sustainer. We look forward to another year with you!

[bit.ly/SustainerInTrainingForm](https://bit.ly/SustainerInTrainingForm)

We are giving thanks for your generosity, which allows Lace on Race to act in concert with our ethos.