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The FCJ Coordinating Team – Becky, Henriëtte and Kai – have good news to share! A new research study to investigate climate justice and sustainability public symbols and their possible influences here in our region is now underway. We hope you will join us in sharing our heartfelt support.

This study is being led by FCJ member, artist and PhD candidate Kai Reimer-Watts. It is part of his broader research journey in the Community Psychology program at Wilfrid Laurier University. The purpose of the study is to understand primarily two developments -- the creation process behind the public faith-based symbols for climate justice that now exist on places of faith throughout Waterloo Region, and their subsequent effects on climate justice awareness, discourse and actions (see [Faith Climate Justice banners page here](#) for some examples).

The study will help increase understanding of the efficacy of public symbolism promoting climate justice in a local context. It also honours the extensive good work that took place to create and promote the climate justice banners by FCJ members, creating a valuable opportunity for reflection. Kai will also be exploring understandings of other related public symbols in the region later in the research process.

As a community-based study, Kai will be conducting conversational interviews with interested participants who have engaged with the climate justice banner in different ways. In the weeks/months ahead, you may receive an email from Kai inviting you to be considered for participation from the email address CJSresearch@wlu.ca. We invite you to consider participating in this unique and valuable research process should you receive an invitation. It is Kai's hope as a researcher to have a diversity of

people participate from across multiple faith communities that raised the climate justice banner, to gain a rich and multilayered view of the meaning and influence of this symbol from multiple perspectives. Such research will also benefit local climate organizing, as one intended output is to produce a community report that will summarize the research findings and can be used to support future organizing for climate justice in Waterloo Region.

This research design has been reviewed by Wilfrid Laurier University's Research Ethics Board, which determined it to be ethically sound. For further information and any questions on participation criteria, or to recommend yourself or someone else who may be interested to share on the climate justice banner, or to simply share a message of support please contact Kai at CJSresearch@wlu.ca. Note that to respect confidentiality, Kai will not disclose who may or may not participate or be invited to participate in the study.

Thank you for considering supporting Kai in his ongoing research journey exploring community symbolism and engagement for climate justice.

With care,

FCJ Coordinating Team – Henriëtte, Becky and Kai



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