

## The Monthly Voice

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Greetings From ONE DC, Friend

### **EXCITING NEWS - ONE DC Launches New E-Newsletter**

Welcome to ONE DC's new e-newsletter. Help sustain our work for racial & economic justice in the city by contributing your time or resources.

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### **Healthy Investment**

by Ahri Burton



In my northeast Washington neighborhood, Deanwood, the last neighborhood grocery store closed over twenty years ago. Since then, 7-Elevens and fast food establishments continue to resurface. As a result, many people are suffering from health disparities created by these poor food systems. This has motivated me to invest in the health and well-being of the people in my community and others affected by poor food systems.

I began my journey in DC working towards social equity in 2008 when I volunteered with ONE DC. ONE DC is an organization dedicated to creating neighborhood equity. ONE DC believes that all people have a right to housing, a right to be employed with livable wage jobs, and that people have a right to be healthy. It was there that I learned the power of being an effective organizer. I learned the power we have as citizens to determine the destiny of our communities. While volunteering there I learned a lot. I also served as a board member and worked on the Right to Income campaign. I was also served on the original shared leadership team when ONE DC was working to create a new leadership model.

ONE DC inspired me to do the work I do now. The Right to Wellness Campaign inspired me the most. I have always had a desire to contribute to the health and well being of the people in my community. Currently I intern with Zenful Bites, a company dedicated to creating healthy, just and sustainable food systems in Washington, D.C. I assist the chef/co-owner of the company with providing food education to elementary school students at Savoy Elementary School in southeast Washington.

I am on a mission to gather the tools and resources necessary to assist my community and many others affected by these food systems in creating a culture of self-reliance by teaching them how to grow their own food and prepare and cook health-supportive meals. Our communities need healing. Over the last four years I have lost a cousin and five co-workers from diet-related illnesses, the most recent one being April of this year.

This summer I will be attending the Natural Epicurean Academy of Culinary School. This school is unique because it focuses on plant-based health supportive diets. The curriculum will give me the tools to become more efficient at teaching others how to prepare and incorporate healing foods into their diet. The academy has awarded me a \$6,000 food advocacy scholarship to defray my \$23,000 tuition. More support is needed.

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### **EVENT: ONE DC Co-Sponsors A Wellness Day**

A time bank involves community members bartering helpful, free services to one another -- it's a way of using time, rather than money, as currency, and a way for people to make each other's lives a little better.

**DC Time Bank Wellness Day**  
**Saturday, May 31, 12:00PM - 3:00PM**

[RSVP here.](#)

**Free entry.**

Join us for DC Time Bank Wellness Day to meet other time bank members, including those who offer wellness services. From healthy, cost-effective cooking, to massage, to financial planning workshops, you'll get to experience many of the great talents time bank members have to offer. Please RSVP, and let us know if there's something you'd like to offer or receive!

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### **TAKE ACTION: The Homeless LGBTQ Community Demands Housing Too!**

Are you a member of the LGBTQ community and have had difficulty finding stable housing?

Have you felt unsafe, been bullied, and/or harassed at homeless shelters?

Are you homeless and have little to no support to sustain stability?

Do you know your voice matters? It DOES!

Testify on **Thursday, May 29th** at the Affordable Housing Hearing.

Speak for more funding and shelters for homeless people who identify as LGBTQ.

Write your testimony. Say your testimony. Let your struggle be heard!

Contact **Maria Laughinghouse** at [amaryllis2012@gmail.com](mailto:amaryllis2012@gmail.com).

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### **WLC And ONE DC Support Long Time DC Residents Under The Threat Of Displacement**

The Washington Lawyers' Committee has been excited to partner with ONE DC over the last several months. On the housing side, the Washington Lawyers' Committee has joined with ONE DC to identify civil rights violations and ways to protect subsidized housing, particularly as subsidized housing transitions to market-rate

housing and landlords may have incentives to encourage tenants with subsidies to move. The Washington Lawyers' Committee is working with ONE DC to ensure that tenants are aware of and able to enforce their protections under both D.C. and federal law.

The Washington Lawyers' Committee is also currently working with ONE DC members to help lay the groundwork for a Black Workers' Center through ONE DC's series of listening sessions. Our employment staff, with its background in litigation and mediation, is eager to see the Center get off the ground and to partner with workers to address issues of discrimination and unfair pay in the workplace.

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**EVENTS: [From the Streets to the Rooftops - A Community Learning Series](#)**



**Friday, May 30 - 6PM - Resistance Past and Present**

New Community Church  
614 S St NW, DC

[RSVP Here](#)

**Friday, June 27 - 6PM - What Would It Take to End Displacement?**

Emergence Community Arts Collective  
733 Euclid St. NW, DC

[RSVP Here](#)

**Saturday, July 25 - Our Streets: An Exhibition of Collected Stories**

New Community Church  
614 S St NW, DC

[RSVP Here](#)

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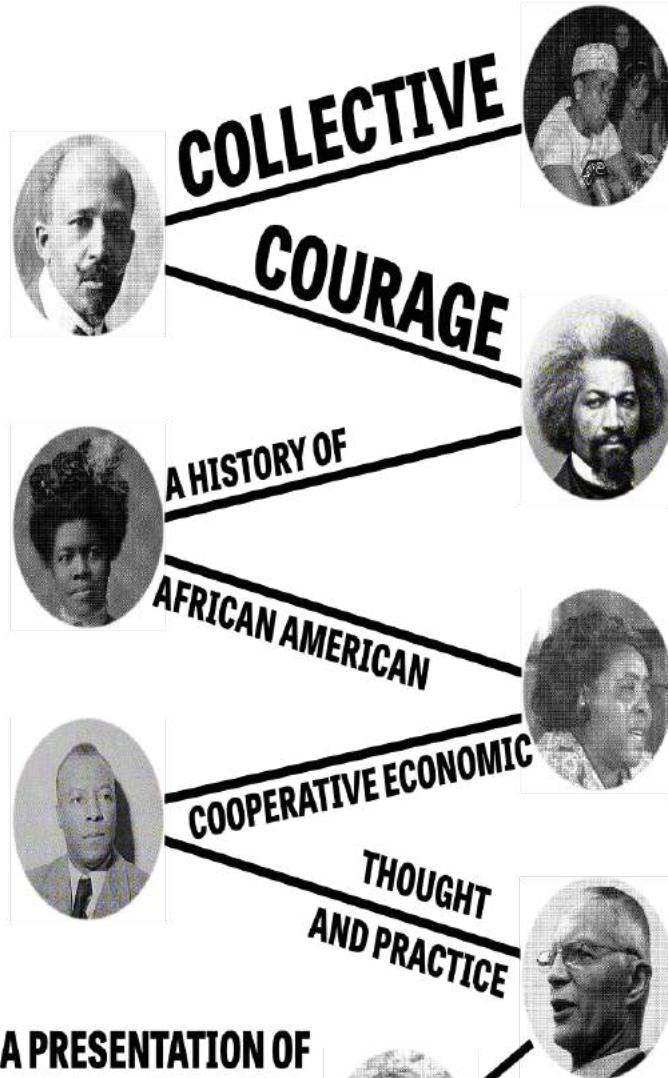
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**ONE Bit of Good News**

Movement Matters is providing coaching to build the organizing capacity of ONE DC's Shared Leadership Team members, general membership, interns, and staff. Thank you Hill Snowden for supporting this skills building work at ONE DC.

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**EVENT: Jessica Gordon Nembhard Presents: *Collective Courage: A History Of African American Cooperative Economic Thought And Practice***



**A PRESENTATION OF  
THE NEW BOOK BY  
JESSICA  
GORDON  
NEMBHARD**



**TUESDAY 7PM  
JUNE 3**

**IMPACT HUB DC  
419 7th STREET NW**

**BOOKSIGNING & RECEPTION AFTER THE TALK  
MORE INFO & RSVP: <http://s.coop/blackcoopsdc>**

SPONSORED BY: THE DEMOCRACY COLLABORATIVE \* DIVINE CHOCOLATE \* IMPACT HUB DC \* ONE DC \* EQUAL EXCHANGE \* NEW ECONOMY WORKING GROUP

Join us for a special book launch to learn about the history of African American cooperative economics from a leading co-op scholar/activist, and hear local updates on ONE DC's [Black Worker's Center](#), [Impact Hub DC](#)'s worker cooperative incubator, and [Community Farming Alliance](#)'s local cooperative network.

**Collective Courage Book Launch  
African American Cooperative Economics - History and Present  
Tuesday, June 3, 7:00PM - 10:00PM  
[RSVP here.](#)  
Entry is free. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer!**

This event is co-sponsored by The Democracy Collaborative, ONE DC, Impact Hub DC, Equal Exchange, the New Economy Working Group (IPS), and Divine Chocolate. A book-signing and reception will follow the talk. Light fare will be provided by Zenful Bites.

Doors open for meet-and greet at 6:30pm, local updates and book talk starts at 7pm, followed by a booksigning and reception. The event, which is free, will take place at Impact Hub DC (419 7th Street NW.)

In *Collective Courage*, Jessica Gordon Nembhard chronicles African American cooperative business ownership and its place in the movements for Black civil rights and economic equality. Not since W. E. B. Du Bois's 1907 *Economic Co-operation Among Negro Americans* has there been a full-length, nationwide study of African American cooperatives. *Collective Courage* extends that story into the twenty-first century. Many of the players are well known in the history of the African American experience: Du Bois, A. Philip Randolph and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Jo Baker, George Schuyler and the Young Negroes' Co-operative League, the Nation of Islam, and the Black Panther Party. Adding the cooperative movement to Black history results in a retelling of the African American experience, with an increased understanding of African American collective economic agency and grassroots economic organizing.

To tell the story, Gordon Nembhard uses a variety of newspapers, period magazines, and journals; co-ops' articles of incorporation, minutes from annual meetings, newsletters, budgets, and income statements; and scholarly books, memoirs, and biographies. These sources reveal the achievements and challenges of Black co-ops, collective economic action, and social entrepreneurship. Gordon Nembhard finds that African Americans, as well as other people of color and low-income people, have benefitted greatly from cooperative ownership and democratic economic participation throughout the nation's history.

Jessica Gordon Nembhard is Associate Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development in the Department of Africana Studies at John Jay College, City University of New York, and a member of the Grassroots Economic Organizing Collective.

Praise for the book:

"The word 'pathbreaking' should not be used casually, but this is, in fact, a pathbreaking book. There is nothing like it. Jessica Gordon Nembhard's study of Black cooperatives opens a door on a critical aspect of Black history in general and cooperative history in particular—a door very hard to open, given the challenges and difficulties with records and sources. What she has found behind the door is subjected to inspiring yet tough-minded analysis. The long trajectory of development Gordon Nembhard describes and the direction she illuminates offer profoundly important guidance as we enter an era of increasingly difficult economic and political challenges."

—Gar Alperovitz, Lionel R. Bauman Professor of Political Economy,  
University of Maryland, and co-founder, The Democracy Collaborative

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## **EVENT: National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy IMPACT Awards**

Join the NCRP for their second annual Impact Awards, honoring those whose philanthropy has been the most effective. This year's winners are: Ben & Jerry's (environmental & food justice), The California Endowment (affordable health care), the Hill-Snowden Foundation (economic justice) and the Liberty Hill Foundation (LGBTQ rights, workers' rights, environmental & economic justice).

**WHERE:** Washington Hilton, Jefferson East/West

1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20009

**WHEN:** 6:00PM – 8:00PM

During the Council on Foundations Annual Conference

[RSVP Here](#)

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**EVENT: Forum: Facing Poverty - Poverty, Development & Displacement**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

12:00PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Room A-5  
901 G. Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

**Keynote Presenter:** Derek Hyra - Associate Prof., Urban Affairs and Planning,  
Virginia Tech

**Forum Panelists:**

Adrienne Todman - Executive Director, DC Housing Authority  
Will Merrifield - Staff Attorney, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless  
Anita Hairston - Associate Director, PolicyLink

**RSVP: Alice Jordan - 202-238-4698 - [ajordan@upo.org](mailto:ajordan@upo.org)**

Lunch provided. Seats are limited.

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**EVENT: ONE DC Right To Income Campaign Meeting**

**Where:** United Black Fund  
2500 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20020

**When:** June 18th, 2014  
6:00PM - 07:00PM

For more information: [organizer@onedconline.org](mailto:organizer@onedconline.org)

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