

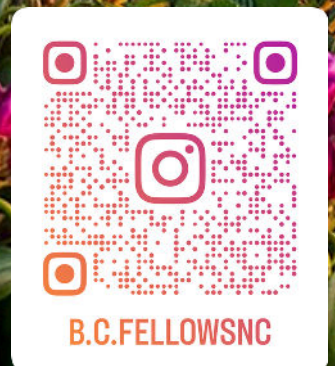


# BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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# FELLOWSHIP SESSION 2 REFLECTIONS

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- **THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY HELD THEIR SECOND SESSION ON MAY 18! OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR, KERRY WIGGINS, STARTED THE SESSION WITH A MEDITATION VIDEO THAT WAS REALLY RELAXING, A PERFECT WAY TO BEGIN AND PREPARE THE FELLOWS TO START THE DAY WITH A CLARITY OF MIND.**
  - **THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A REVIEW OF THE HOMEWORK, WHERE THE FELLOWS HAD TO RESEARCH THEIR TOP THREE CHOICES FOR A BOARD OR COMMISSION THAT THEY ARE HIGHLY INTERESTED IN JOINING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FOLLOWED BY A GROUP DISCUSSION WHERE EACH FELLOW WAS ABLE TO DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHY THEY CHOSE THOSE BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS.**
  - **LATER ON, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING SPEAKER, KHALILAH KARIM, CO-DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR NCLCV! SHE PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING AND CREATING AN ELEVATOR PITCH FOR YOURSELF. THERE WAS ALSO TIME ALLOTTED FOR A COUPLE OF FELLOWS TO PRACTICE THEIR OWN PITCHES AND THEY DID A PHENOMENAL JOB! THIS WAS VERY PRACTICAL AND VALUABLE INFORMATION.**
- SHOUTOUT TO ALL OF THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE LENDED THEIR TIME TO SPEAK TO OUR FELLOWS! WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT SESSION ON **JUNE 8TH!****



## HOLDING DUKE ENERGY ACCOUNTABLE

**Duke Energy plans to advance its terrible “carbon plan” by constructing new, environmentally hazardous methane gas plants. This initiative would not only increase energy costs for consumers but also perpetuate the emission of harmful greenhouse gasses. Despite the potential to invest in clean, affordable, and renewable energy for North Carolinians, Duke Energy continues to push this detrimental agenda.**

**NCLCVF, in collaboration with other local and national organizations, is striving to raise awareness about the flaws of this plan and advocate for sustainable, cost-effective alternatives.**

**You can get involved by attending an NCLCVF workshop on public commenting, participating in the virtual public hearing, or signing NCLCVF’s petition opposing the construction of methane gas plants in Roxboro.**

# STAFF HIGHLIGHT



## YVETTE JONES

YVETTE JONES IS THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR POWERUP NC, A NONPROFIT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS FOUNDATION. HER WORK INVOLVES WORKING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS TO ACHIEVE A JUST TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, FOCUSING ON THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

YVETTE JOINED THE NCLCVF POWERUP TEAM IN NOVEMBER 2017. SHE RETURNED TO THE FOOTHILLS OF HER HOME STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AFTER A 20-YEAR CAREER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. A NATURAL PEOPLE PERSON, SHE STUMBLED INTO THE NONPROFIT ARENA, AND SPENT NINE YEARS LEADING A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AT THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN LEAGUE. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURES, INFORMING AND EDUCATING COMMUNITIES, AND TAKING STRATEGIC STEPS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE CHANGE. YVETTE ENJOYS TRAVELING, INTERIOR DECORATING, THE THEATER, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHARLOTTE, AND ATTENDED SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

A FORMER PAGEANT CONTESTANT, SHE WAS THE FIRST BLACK JUNIOR MISS AND THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO WIN THE MISS MOUNT AIRY PAGEANT (PART OF THE MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION, WHERE SHE REPRESENTED HER CITY IN THE MISS NORTH CAROLINA PAGEANT). OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS COACHED YOUNG LADIES AND CONSIDERS IT AN HONOR TO SERVE ON THE JUDGES PANEL FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM 2024 JUNETEENTH PAGEANT. WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE PAGEANT WORLD, YVETTE BRINGS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED IN THE COMPETITIVE WORLD OF BEAUTY PAGEANTS. SHE KNOWS THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK THAT GOES INTO PREPARING FOR A PAGEANT.

OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS COACHED YOUNG WOMEN TO HELP THEM REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS OF COMPETING ON STAGE. SHE HAS A PASSION FOR EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN THROUGH HER WORK AS A COACH AND JUDGE. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENCE, INTELLIGENCE, POISE, AND GRACE UNDER PRESSURE. SHE APPLAUDS ALL THE CONTESTANTS AS THEY EACH MAKE STRIDES ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS.

# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS IN JUNE

## UN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY June 5 2024

Founded in 1973, World Environment Day is a massive platform for environmental outreach. This year, it is hosted by Saudi Arabia and centers around themes of land restoration and combating desertification.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

## WORLD OCEAN DAY June 8 2024

World Ocean Day brings together organizations and youth leaders from around the world to organize advocacy and resources for protecting our oceans, particularly in the face of a rapidly changing climate.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

## WORLD RAINFOREST DAY June 22 2024

Founded in 2017, World Rainforest Day coalesces organizations, policy representatives, youth activists, artists, indigenous groups, and more to foster dialogue on the importance of healthy, standing rainforests.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

## BECOME A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR ALL SUMMER

Sign up to volunteer with Piedmont Environmental Alliance to speak in Winston Salem/Forsyth County middle schools about the importance of climate change, energy, pollution, and more.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

# B&C AT FAIR MAPS EVENT



On May 29, the Boards and Commissions team attended a roundtable event hosted by U.S. Congressman Wiley Nickel, featuring prominent activists and local representatives. The discussion centered around North Carolina's gerrymandered districts and Congressman Nickel's proposed FAIR MAPS Act, which aims to standardize independently drawn, nonpartisan voting districts to ensure free and fair elections for all Americans. According to Nickels, these efforts would make over 80 districts around the country more representative and democratic.

We were honored to have the efforts of NCLCVF mentioned and recognized at the event. The Boards and Commissions team understands that the social, political, economic, and environmental issues we are fighting for all start with representation. We were grateful to hear our work, and that of other local organizations, recognized and are excited to continue working towards these causes.

Thank you to Congressman Nickel and the other distinguished members of the roundtable for their dedication to improving representation in Forsyth County, in North Carolina, and across the country!

As the Congressman intelligently said, "The voters should choose the politicians; the politicians should not choose the voters."



# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

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## ACTIVATE YOUR POWER TO CREATE CHANGE

NORTH CAROLINA'S LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS BOARDS AND COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IS A LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING RESIDENTS ACROSS NC TO ACTIVATE THEIR VOICES TO EFFECT POSITIVE CHANGE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUALITIES IMPACT US ALL COMPARED TO THE IMPACT EXPERIENCED BY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EQUIPS RESIDENTS TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF YOUR ETHNICITY OR ZIP CODE. ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND POLITICALLY. POLICIES SUCH AS REDLINING OR REDISTRICTING HAVE HARMED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BY FORCING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO LIVE IN AREAS WITH FEW RESOURCES AND MORE ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS, OFTENTIMES RESULTING IN INCREASE IN HEALTH RELATED ILLNESSES. CHILDREN LIVING IN OUR POOREST COMMUNITIES ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO EXPERIENCE INCREASED HEALTH RELATED ISSUES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, CLEAN ENERGY, AND CLEAN WATER.

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A CHANGE AGENT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, BOARDS AND COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IS FOR YOU. NOW IS THE TIME TO LEARN HOW TO POSITION YOURSELF FOR A SEAT, A VOICE AND A VOTE AT THE TABLE. APPLICATIONS FOR OUR 2025 CLASS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [NCLCVF.ORG](https://www.nclcvf.org) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION. I AM AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU OR ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, AT 919-839-0006 EXT 139 OR [KERRY@NCLCV.ORG](mailto:kerry@nclcvf.org).



## JUNETEENTH

**JUNETEENTH** MARKS THE DAY WHEN FEDERAL TROOPS ARRIVED IN GALVESTON, TEXAS IN 1865 TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE STATE AND ENSURE THAT ALL ENSLAVED PEOPLE BE FREED. THE TROOPS' ARRIVAL CAME A FULL TWO AND A HALF YEARS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION. ALSO RECOGNIZED AS 'FREEDOM DAY', JUNE 19TH IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IT SYMBOLIZES THE DAY IN 1865 WHEN THE ORDER WAS ISSUED TO EMANCIPATE THOSE CONFINED TO A LIFE OF SLAVERY. JUNETEENTH HONORS THE END OF SLAVERY, AND IS CONSIDERED THE LONGEST RUNNING AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLIDAY. IT'S A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM, RESILIENCE, COMMUNITY, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GOOD THINGS TO COME! THIS JUNETEENTH, TAKE THE TIME TO CELEBRATE BY SUPPORTING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES, SHARING AND CONNECTING WITH OUR YOUTH THROUGH HISTORICAL BLACK STORIES, OR ATTEND AN EVENT THAT CELEBRATES IT! -B&C [Source](#)

## PRIDE MONTH

"JUNE IS GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED AS PRIDE MONTH, A TIME OF CELEBRATION, COMMEMORATION, AND ACTIVISM FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY. IT'S NOT ONLY A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY AND SELF-AFFIRMATION, BUT ALSO A POTENT REMINDER OF THE NEED TO PROMOTE EQUITY, ACCEPTANCE, AND RESPECT FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY." - CONTRA-TIEMPO,  
HAPPY PRIDE MONTH FROM B&C!

## FATHER'S DAY

TO FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND ALL MEN WHO HAVE HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF YOUR CHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, OR ANYONE YOU'VE INFLUENCED.  
YOU ARE WONDERFUL, YOU ARE APPRECIATED, YOU ARE LOVED!  
ENJOY YOUR DAY, YOU DESERVE IT!



**SERVING ON A AN ASSOCIATION BOARD, OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS OFTEN UNPAID VOLUNTEER WORK.**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THIS FACTOR, THE WORK IS STILL VITAL, AND YOUR ORGANIZATION DEPENDS ON YOU. A COMMITMENT IS NOT A TASK YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT, RATHER IT IS A PROMISE YOU MAKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE BETTERMENT AND ASSURANCE OF YOUR COWORKERS OR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS.**

**DECIDE**

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