

Thank you for being part of the Church Council of Greater Seattle in 2020.
Below, three local leaders share about their organizing circles.
Read the full interviews online at thechurchcouncil.org.



“I want to do more than just survive. I want others to thrive too. It’s a shift of expectation, to dream for more. It’s uncomfortable. Pushing past the sense that it’s impossible.”

Cesar Linares, Church Council Organizer (*left*)



“BIPOC leaders are so clear about what they would do if they had land and money. White churches often are not. Our goal is to shift how we all engage with these issues from the get go.”

E.N. West, Faith Land Organizer at the Church Council (*above*)

“Charity...happens when you see someone has a need and you help. With *convivencia*, you see beyond the immediate need. You become a bridge to each other. With *convivencia*, you are doing more than caring for one family; **you are building a movement.**”

Marina Ortiz, human rights activist and community leader of the Grupo de Solidaridad (*right*)



The Youth Chaplaincy Coalition spent 2020 re-imagining the program for this unique moment and encouraging county and state facilities to have a broader and more accessible vision for the wellbeing of court-involved youth and their communities. In 2021, the YCC looks forward to sharing the tailored *Ink About It* workbook donors like you fully funded in December with court-involved youth in our region.

