



Greetings from your JEDI committee!

We will be a presence in The Chat each month moving forward, sharing news and updates from our monthly meetings and the work we are doing to advocate for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. This work is as important as ever as we move through these strange and uncertain times. Please know you can contact any of our committee members to share thoughts, questions, or concerns, and that you can reach out to JEDI@cceasternwa.org anytime.

In our February meeting, our first after a short hiatus since Aimee Brayman's departure as JEDI director, we were joined by members of our leadership team. We were encouraged to continue the work of identifying JEDI issues and opportunities for growth, as well as ways to celebrate our diversity with our co-workers and the community we serve. We agreed it's important to share HOW we are doing this work and not just talk about it. Expect to see some stories highlighting how CCEW engages in this important work. Our committee members are currently identifying goals and action steps, and we'll be sure to share our progress here as we move forward.

The JEDI Committee is accepting new members this spring! Expect to see applications available by the end of the month. We are excited to expand and strengthen our work with your diverse, inclusive, and energetic voices.

In the meantime, join me in welcoming March, also known as Women's History Month! While every month is a good time to celebrate the women in our world this is the perfect time to recognize the contributions and achievements of women throughout history, and even more importantly, the special women in our lives.

Also coming up:

March 1: Ramadan – The beginning of a month of fasting, prayer, and reflection for Muslims

March 5: Ash Wednesday – The beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer for Christians

March 8: International Women's Day – A day to celebrate achievements of women and calls for gender equality

March 14: Holi – The Hindu festival of colors, celebrating the arrival of Spring

March 20: Spring Equinox – Celebrate the turn of the season when day and night are equal length