

Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE May 2021

Rally, procession protests gun violence

by Margaret Gabriel

Shortly after the jury in Minneapolis returned a guilty verdict for the murder of George Floyd on April 20, citizens of Lexington began to gather at Shiloh Baptist Church on Fifth Street in Lexington for a Stop the Violence Rally and procession.

The event was coordinated and hosted by BUILD, Building a United Interfaith Lexington Through Direct Action, to protest and call attention to the unprecedented number of shootings and deaths by gun violence in Lexington.

At the time the information about the rally was written and circulated, it decried 13 deaths in 2021. By the time the 100-cars procession wound through Lexington, the number had increased to 15, with two separate shootings on April 19. Police believe the shootings were unrelated.

BUILD is a diverse, multi-issue coalition of 26 religious congregations in Lexington that presses decision-makers to implement policies addressing issues of poverty and injustice in Lexington and Fayette County.

While masks were nearly universal as BUILD Justice Ministry Network members gathered, many people were gleefully shouting out the dates of their COVID vaccination. Fist bumps were more common than handshakes, but there were more hugs than have been seen in over a year.



The rally opened with comments from BUILD co-chair Dr. Joseph Owen, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, saying that in order to stem the violence, the community, police and city officials must work together.

Karen Bright and her sister, Sherry Warsh, a BUILD board member, were in a car that displayed a picture of close family friend Herbie Booker who was 20 years old when he was shot on April 8. "He was like my grandson," Karen said. "This rally stirs these emotions all over again."

Families who have lost loved ones to gun violence addressed the assembly. Andre Washington-Maxberry, who has lost both a grandson and a nephew in the last year, remembers a Lexington in which she felt safe walking and seeing children play in their neighborhoods, but no more.

Referring to herself as an "ear-hustling granny," she told the assembly of the times that she has given officials information regarding murders that have never been acted upon or even investigated. "That's not snitching," she said. "That's saving lives."

She called on Police Chief Lawrence Weathers to do what needs to be done to stop the violence. "Quit talking the talk, and walk the walk," Andre said.

She called on Mayor Linda Gorton to "get out from behind your desk and walk with us."

She called on parents of young people to be more accountable for their children. "Quit covering up for your kids," Andre said. "We're all family, whether we're related or not."

Following a closing prayer by Father Dan Noll, co-chair of BUILD and pastor of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, the procession started. It was led by hearses from Hawkins-Taylor; O.L. Hughes and Sons; Fender, Smith and Smith; Kerr Brothers; and Milward funeral homes; their directors; and the Fayette County Coroner.

Over 100 cars displaying pictures of lost family members and messages that read "Stop the Violence" in both English and Spanish moved slowly through Lexington in a nearly 15-mile loop that ended at the Fifth Street church after nearly an hour. The Fayette County Sheriff's Department escorted the procession, halting traffic on downtown cross-streets and ramps on New Circle Road.

As the procession crawled through neighborhoods, halted cars honked, and residents, particularly those in downtown neighborhoods, waved and pumped fists in the air.

The rally and procession was a precursor to BUILD's Nehemiah Action (see page 6). One of the issues BUILD has researched in the past year is the proposal of a new way of policing that builds trust and saves lives.

BUILD is pressing Lexington leaders to contract with the experts at National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to implement their Group Violence Intervention, which has proven successful in other cities.

Gun Violence	
In America as of 4-28-21	
2021 (year to date)	
Killed	6,085
Suicide	7,788
Wounded	11,081
2020 (annual)	
Killed	19,335
Wounded	39,424
Source: www.gunviolencearchive.org	

Steering Committee speaks out on CBA

On April 6 Richard Mitchell distributed the following letter to the CKCPJ steering committee and read it to the LFUCG Council work session. A copy was also submitted to Mayor Linda Gorton.

My name is Richard J. Mitchell. I live in Lexington and am speaking on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, a coalition of religious and secular organizations.

For almost 40 years, the CKCPJ has advocated and educated in Central Kentucky for the prevention of war and for a more just Kentucky. We urge the Council to ensure that police misconduct be investigated and adjudicated immediately after the incident in a manner that is transparent to both the public and the media and that investigation and adjudication be overseen and conducted by a body that is independent of both the Lexington Police Department (LPD) and Urban-Country Government (UCG).

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) should have no involvement in the investigation or adjudication of police misconduct. Any investigation needs to be overseen and adjudicated by a body whose majority are diverse private citizens of Fayette County. As a step toward realizing the proceeding, we urge the Council to remove all language from the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) regarding investigating and adjudicating police misconduct. Short of this, we urge that regarding police misconduct that the CBA:

- Not limit the consequences that can be applied when misconduct has been found.
- Not limit the release of information about an investigation to the public or the media.
- Not limit an investigation to a particular incident. A pattern of misconduct is relevant.
- In the case of misconduct, allow bodies other than the LPD to investigate and adjudicate.
- Grievance processes defined by the CBA shall not be allowed to reverse penalties for misconduct.



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- Not permit expungement of records of past misconduct (both sustained and unsustained allegations).
- Not limit the number of days after an incident has occurred that a complaint can be received.
- Not dismiss charges if a hearing has not happened within a

required number of days.

- Not limit the capacity of civilian oversight structures or the media to hold police accountable.

Having said the above, please understand that we support the right of police to organize. In general we support unions. We urge the FOP to help those who enforce the law submit to laws that protect the public from police misconduct. We thank Council members for listening to us and considering actions that are merely basic justice AND protect all Lexingtonians from police misconduct.

Steering committee member Dick Sharp sent this response:

Thank you, Richard, for making these remarks.

I am a retired union steward (AFGE). I have some concern about your comments urging limiting the role of the police union in disciplinary actions. One purpose of a union is to provide representation and power to a union member to balance the power of the employer. I had personal experience with disciplinary actions from which the Union was excluded. Not a good feeling, facing the employer with no one to support you. So, yes, a union comes to a disciplinary action with a bias, it favors the union member. In the case of police disciplinary actions there are also likely to be citizens that seek to be heard and have power. A civilian review board, with "diverse" members could be expected to have a bias, one favoring these citizens. So the issue is not whether the police union will be able to participate in disciplinary actions, but rather what power it would have and how we balance the power of the Administration, the police officers and their Union, and the citizenry and their review board.

Thank you for your consideration of this point of view.

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Tues., May 4

CKCPJ peace action committee, 4:30 - 6 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link, email Richard Mitchell at rjm47@twc.com.

Thurs., May 6

Rank the Vote 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Statewide strategy meeting to discuss ongoing organization of a grassroots campaign for ranked-choice voting in Kentucky. Access the Zoom link at us02web.zoom.us.

Thurs., May 6

Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare 5 p.m. Email Kay Tillo, nursepo@aol.com to request the Zoom link.

Tues., May 11

CKCPJ health care action team, 4:30-6 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to attend the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjm47@twc.com. Richard is planning to ask for creation of a Lexington Chapter of Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare.

Tues., May 11

PFLAG Central Kentucky, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The meeting will feature a short documentary about LGBTQ asylum seekers, how they learn to navigate as immigrants from countries where being gay is criminalized. The discussion facilitator, Emily Askew, is a member of the LGBTQ community who teaches at Lexington Theological Seminary. Confidential support group discussion follows. Meetings are still taking place *via* Zoom. The registration link is on the PFLAG Facebook page.

Mon., May 17

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 5 - 6:30 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to participate in the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjm47@twc.com.

Thurs., May 20

Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare, 5 p.m. Email Kay Tillo, nursepo@aol.com to request the Zoom link.

Mon., May 17

Newman Foundation, Inc. 6:30 p.m. Distinguished speakers will include Bishop John Stowe, who will address the role of Catholics in the political forum. Request the Zoom link at peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

Tues., June 1

CKCPJ peace action committee, 4:30 - 6 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link, email Richard Mitchell at rjm47@twc.com.

Mon., June 21

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 5 - 6:30 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to participate in the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjm47@twc.com.

*Afflict the comfortable;
comfort the afflicted.*

SURJ: Police do not create safety

Showing Up for Racial Justice [SURJ] is a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. Through community organizing, mobilizing, and education, SURJ moves white people to act as part of a multi-racial majority for justice with passion and accountability. The group works to connect people across the country while supporting and collaborating with local and national racial justice organizing efforts. SURJ provides a space to build relationships, skills and political analysis to act for change.

On April 13 SURJ distributed an email alerting readers to the murder of Daunte Wright — in the midst of of Derek Chauvin’s trial for the murder of George Floyd.

The email said, “The murder [of Daunte Wright] by police was in Brooklyn Center near the Twin Cities during a routine traffic stop. Our hearts are with Daunte’s family and also our community in the Twin Cities area who are leading

visionary organizing projects around community safety and alternatives to police, and who have endured so much violence in recent years.

“Calls coming out of the Twin Cities area remain the same: Police do not create safety.

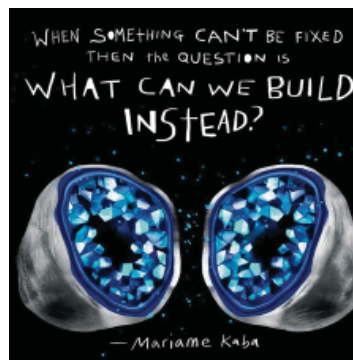
“We know that the police rely on continued silence and consent from white people as they continue murdering and bringing violence to Black communities. Now is the time for those of us who are white to recommit to the work of defunding and dismantling the police.

“So many white communities — poor folks, disabled folks, queer and trans folks — know from first-hand experience that the police don’t keep

them safe either. A world where Black people are safe is a world where we are all safe. All of us will benefit from cutting funding from police budgets and diverting it towards community resources like schools, healthcare and more.

“Black-led organizers in the Minneapolis area show us that a world without police is possible. Organizations like Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block led the way last summer, working towards dismantling the Minneapolis Police Department and pushing the City Council to vote to create an alternative to the police.”

SURJ Leadership Team member Hilary Moore has written several articles addressing the issues surrounding police and other state-sanctioned violence. You can find such pieces as “SURJ’s Call to White People: Withdraw Your Consent, Defund Police” at hilarymoore.com.



Twilight reflections of the former third-in-line

On the House: A Washington Memoir. By John Boehner. Published April 13, 2021. St. Martin's Press. 274 pages.

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

Former House Speaker (2011-2015) John Boehner, representative from the Cincinnati area of Ohio, was swept into his office by the Tea Party coalition. However, once he was Speaker, those same ultra-conservative forces became his adversaries, and finally ran out of patience with his middle-of-the-road approach to bipartisanship.

At least, that's how he sees it in *On the House*, his memoir published last month.

Political biographies of people on the way up tend to be philosophical manifestos, and, as such, can embody a dangerous disconnect from reality. There's one by embattled Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz (I can't discuss the details of his accused transgressions in this family environment) called *Firebrand*. It is a dangerous piece of propaganda, published before the salacious stories broke (no charges yet, but stay tuned). In it, Gaetz pretends to the mantle of Donald Trump by imitating the in-your-face amorality of the Orange One. (E-mail me at jrtrammel@gmail.com for the full review of *Firebrand* that was rejected for publication here.)

Memoirs written in the twilight of a politician's career, on the other hand, can fill in blanks we didn't know at the time, which is the chief insight here.

White supremacy won't die until white people see it as a white issue they need to solve rather than a black issue they need to empathize with.

The conservative right, Boehner says, has drifted from right-wing principles into becoming agents of crazy chaos, bent more on bomb-throwing than trying to govern. This is stringent criticism when coming from someone like Boehner, on the right.

For not hewing to the furthest-right of the right wing's positions, he was mistrusted and finally ousted by his party, as he sees it.

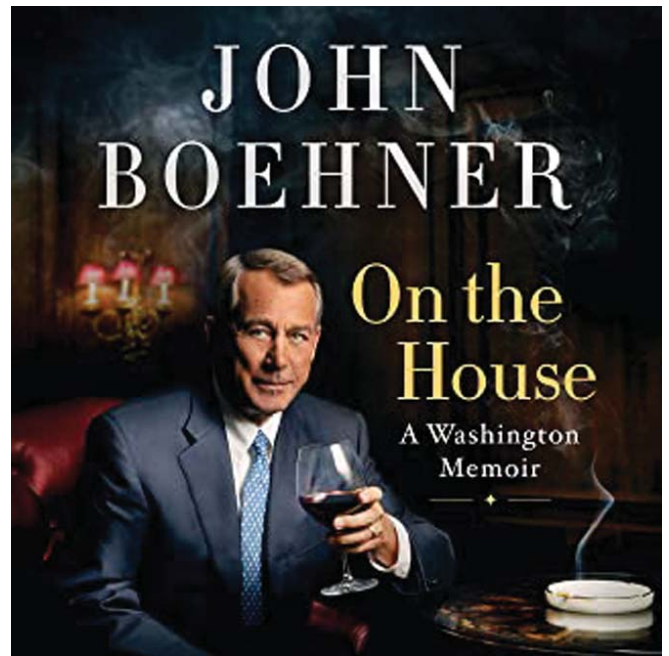
One must remember, though, Boehner in his earlier days helped craft then-Speaker Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America," which many see as the first aggressive step by Republicans to unilaterally seize control of the legislature.

No wonder Texas Senator Ted Cruz has offered to burn this book publicly; Cruz comes off badly here. In Boehner's estimation, Cruz is miserable, reckless, unanimously disliked by the other members of Congress (achieving bipartisanship, of a sort), and thinks he's smarter than everyone else. Boehner asserts that even the usually level-headed Mitch McConnell hates Cruz "with a passion I didn't know Mitch had in him."

Boehner's assessments of the Presidents he worked with are eye-opening. He sees Obama as a betraying deal-maker not interested in working with Republicans in good-faith bipartisan efforts. Funny, I remember the opposite: Obama wasted his two years of Democratic legislative majority trying to reach across the aisle, failing largely due to McConnell's obstruction. Choose the set of memories you remember.

He's complimentary of George W. Bush's communication and leadership skills (also not features I remember). Disappointingly, he refrains from criticizing Donald Trump too badly, even after firebombing the crazy right which serves as Trump's adoring chorus, saying merely that Trump's abrasive personal style might have made his job harder.

Boehner now regrets advocating for Bill Clinton's impeachment, saying Boehner's predecessor, Tom DeLay, thought the move would translate into



more Republican legislative victories. The opposite happened.

It's an easy, conversational read, never deep or theoretical, as if you were visiting with Boehner over his favored cigarettes and wine. Much is forgettable; his 11-sibling childhood and years working in his dad's family-run bar are colorful but finally standard accounts, as is the obligatory travelogue of the worldwide locations he visited.

The book doesn't reach 300 pages even with all that boilerplate and two long digressions on tangential figures, including Boehner's football coach at Moeller High School, Gerry Faust. Faust excelled among local Cincinnati-area coaches, then couldn't master the college game when bumped up to Notre Dame.

I called a personal friend who had taught at Moeller alongside Faust, and when asked for his recollection of Faust, my friend curtly told me, "I didn't like him." So there must be two sides.

Boehner gets absolutely garrulous about golf outings with other famous politicians. Why is it that golfers are so uniquely inclined to describe their latest rounds, stroke-by-stroke, to people who clearly don't care? His too-well-publicized friendly golf outing with Obama helped the right justify Boehner as a centrist sellout.

Fondness for golf, cigarettes and wine is the average level of the insights presented here. A warning, too, that the salty language is minor-level Trumpian, in a way politicians used to find unthinkable.

Reviewer Jim Trammel, no stranger to salty language himself, nevertheless misses the era of politicians who observed some vocal restraint.

Submissions to *Peaceways*

Articles submitted to *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ's mission and concerns.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity.

Please include references in the text for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End-notes or footnotes are not used.

Please query submissions to peacewayseditor@gmail.com before writing a feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author's name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text.

If you submit material that has been published or that you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this.

Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article, for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story.

Submissions should be made in Word format *via* email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor, but we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Monday, 5 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon - 1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

PFLAG Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family members, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m., Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they have quietly provided services to the GLBTQQA community for decades. More info, Pride Center hours, and other links at www.glsso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Child care is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or (859) 797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Diocese Mission House at Fourth St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Beth Howard, (859) 276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups, every Sunday, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Ct., Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call (859) 277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session to cover space rental. Contact Pamela, info@motionmatters.org, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

Showing Up for Racial Justice, second Tuesday of the month, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wild Fig Coffee and Books, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

Central Kentucky congregations gather for BUILD's 2021 Nehemiah Action

by Margaret Gabriel

Over 200 cars were parked at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Church in Lexington for the annual Nehemiah Action of Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action (BUILD) on April 27. Representatives from 26 congregation in central Kentucky—and over 800 people on Zoom—gathered to call for justice.

“We’re at a crossroads,” said Father Dan Noll, Mary Queen pastor. “Our current levels of inequality are unsustainable. The poor are suffering and the rich are becoming wealthier. We

students of color, particularly those who are Black.

A committee of BUILD members researched each issue and developed solutions. City officials who are able to commit to advancing the changes needed to address the issues attended the Nehemiah Action.

The issue of affordable housing was addressed by Council Member James Brown. BUILD asked him for a commitment of \$20 million

from the American Rescue Plan and to work with the group to identify a \$10 million revenue stream for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Brown committed to \$10 million from the rescue plan, providing it is allowed by federal regulations.

Acting FCPS Superintendent Marlene Helm agreed to contract with the International Institute for Restorative Practices by June to begin the process of full-scale implementation of the SaferSanerSchools model in order to reduce the disparities in discipline in public schools. School board members Tyler Murphy and Christy Morris pledged to support her.

Asked if she would contract with the National Network for Safe Communities to implement a Group Violence Intervention (GVI) strategy, Mayor Linda Gorton replied “No.”

She said that the city has spoken with other cities that have implemented GVI, and the issue of gun violence has not improved. In fact, she said, it has gotten worse. She talked about meetings that are scheduled with groups to discuss the problem of gun violence in Lexington, but refused to include representatives of GVI in the discussion. She also refused to speak with national experts, saying that she preferred to meet with local leaders to solve the problem.

As he summarized the result of the meeting, Rev. Richard Gaines,



The 2021 Nehemiah Action was a drive-up event at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Church.

pastor of Consolidated Baptist Church celebrated the “yeses” BUILD received from Council Member Brown concerning affordable housing and Dr. Helm on keeping kids in school.

Concerning gun violence, “some of us might be feeling like Moses, wondering when we’ll get justice,” Rev. Gaines said. “We’ll continue to work with Mayor Gorton until we get a ‘yes.’”



Acting Superintendent Marlene Helm agrees to implement a process intended to equalize discipline in FCPS.



Pastor Rick Smith said, “The many difference we have don’t divide us. We respect each other for the things we share.”

have a choice as a city and we’re here to prepare for the future of Lexington. Let’s be part of the miracle of turning Lexington toward the Promised Land!”

The number of speakers on the podium for the Nehemiah Action was fewer than the number of people who have died via gun violence in Lexington in 2021. “Stop the Violence” was one of three issues that were identified by members of BUILD congregations for study and action.

Other issues were “Healthy at Home,” which addresses the need for affordable housing in Lexington and “Kids Belong in School,” which explores the inequity in discipline between white students and



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*To be free is to live in a way
that respects and enhances the
freedom of others.*

— Nelson Mandela



The 17 SDGs are:

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| (1) No poverty | (10) Reducing inequality |
| (2) Zero hunger | (11) Sustainable cities and communities |
| (3) Good health and well-being | (12) Responsible consumption and production |
| (4) Quality education | (13) Climate action |
| (5) Gender equality | (14) Life below water |
| (6) Clean water and sanitation | (15) Life on land |
| (7) Affordable and clean energy | (16) Peace, justice, and strong institutions |
| (8) Decent work and economic growth | (17) Partnerships for the goals. |
| (9) Industry, innovation and infrastructure | |

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a “blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.” The SDGs were set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. They are included in a UN Resolution called the 2030 Agenda or what is colloquially known as Agenda 2030.

Though the goals are broad and interdependent, two years after they were enumerated in July 2017 the SDGs were made more “actionable” by a UN Resolution adopted by the General Assembly. The resolution identifies specific targets for each goal, along with indicators used to measure progress toward each target.

Goal years to achieve most targets fall usually between 2020 and 2030. Some targets have no end date.

To facilitate monitoring, a variety of tools exist to track and visualize progress towards the goals. All intention is to make data more available and easily understood. For example, the online publication SDG-Tracker, launched in June 2018, presents available data across all indicators.

The SDGs pay attention to multiple cross-cutting issues, such as gender equity, education, and culture, which cut across all SDGs.

COVID-19 had serious impacts on, and implications for all 17 SDGs during 2020.