

The Rev. Dr. Bill Cate Fund for Emerging Justice Leaders

Celebrating a legacy of ecumenical activism through the Church Council of Greater Seattle



“There can be no lasting peace until justice is realized for all people.”

Bill Cate

Pass the Justice Torch

Make a gift to the Rev. Dr. Bill Cate Fund for Emerging Justice Leaders.

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Your gift to this fund will train and support the next generation of faith-inspired justice makers.

A legacy of leadership

The Rev. Dr. “Bill” Cate changed the face of our region. In partnership with his dynamic wife, Jan, Bill ushered in a new generation of faith-inspired justice-making. Depending on who tells the story, Bill Cate was a mild-mannered Methodist minister, a statesman of the social gospel, or “Captain Ecumenical” unleashing merry bands of activists.

All agree he channeled the energy of his era, offering people of goodwill a welcoming place to take action for the common good. Bill served as President-Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle for twenty years, from 1970-1990.

Find good leaders and give them what they need

A trademark of Bill Cate’s leadership was his ability to empower grassroots leadership: find emerging voices, listen to them, support them in doing good works, and stand by them when they got into difficulties.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle regularly brings in young adults who hunger and thirst for justice to join the work. These emerging justice-makers learn to organize, frame campaigns, and deepen their own spirituality. They head out, ready for a lifetime

of making a difference, just like so many activists who launched their organizing work under Bill Cate’s guidance.

The church exists for the betterment of the total community. Not just Christians.

Bill Cate, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Feb. 2, 1986

Jesus’ path to justice, rooted in faith, is needed now more than ever.

Supporting emerging justice leaders, in the legacy of Bill Cate, is needed now more than ever.

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Rev. Dr. Bill Cate: An incomplete listing of an immeasurable legacy

Under Bill Cate's leadership, the Church Council responded to the needs of the people of King and South Snohomish County and helped create many of our most-trusted community institutions. Often working across sectors and across denominations, he deeply believed that the church had an important role to play in the public square. A few highlights:



Programs Launched

- Common Ground
- Downtown Emergency Service Center
- Emergency Feeding Program
- Friend to Friend
- HomeStep
- Mental Health Chaplaincy
- Neighbors in Need
- Saint Petersburg-Seattle Sister Church Program
- Seattle Displacement Coalition
- Seattle Religious Peace Action Committee (SERPAC)
- The Sharehouse

- SoundYouth VISTA
- The Source
- Youth Chaplaincy Program.

Justice Campaigns

- Apology to Indigenous People (1987)
- Desegregated Seattle Schools
- Ended Redlining
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing,
- Japanese-American Redress
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Sanctuary Movement for Central American Refugees
- South African Divestment
- Workers' Rights.

Task Forces

In addition, dozens of determined task forces organized, lobbied and served particular causes, honoring the beloved community. The Asia-Pacific Task Force, Cuba Friendship Committee, and Palestinian Concerns Task Force continue their good work to this very day.

Questions?

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