

CERD Secretariat,

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), I provide three key themes for your consideration of the review of the United States.

Overall, we seek clarification about how the US government plans to adopt the Convention in domestic law, institutional and policy framework for its implementation.

Specifically, under Articles 5, 6 & 7 of CERD, we provide two specific themes for your consideration:

1. Progress and actions made by the U.S. government to address the forced displacement of Alaska Native and American Indian Tribes across the United States by rising sea levels, permafrost melt, land erosion, intense ecological disasters and other impacts caused by the climate crisis.
2. Progress and actions made by the U.S. government to protect and respond to the needs of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) in the United States before, during and after ecological disasters and the disproportionate burdens of federal disaster relief policy requirements for BIPOC communities in seeking humanitarian relief and human rights protection.