



Just Water

Quenching Our Thirst Today, Tomorrow, ...

All are welcome

*The CA-NV Conference United Methodist Women
invite you to a zoom presentation with*

Dr. Joshua Viers, UC Merced

Jane Wagner-Tyack, LWV CA

Pastor Roy Pina, Round Valley UMC

Sharon Sligh, Member, Eureka 1st UMC

Friday, March 18th 7:00 – 9:00 pm continuing on

Saturday, March 19th 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Registration information is below



Dr. Joshua Viers is a Water Resources Management professor in the School of Engineering at UC Merced. He is also Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS). Dr. Viers led UC Merced's efforts to build an Experimental Smart Farm, developed a joint industry-university consortium on ag-food-tech research and is working with several universities to develop water accounting methods to secure a climate resilient water future.



Jane Wagner-Tyack has been following water issues for the League of Women Voters of California since 2009. She chairs the state League Water Committee, which follows and comments on state water planning processes. As chair, she analyzes water legislation for LWVC. Jane lives in San Joaquin County and is especially interested in issues relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Bay-Delta Estuary.



Sharon Eller Sligh is of Tolowa, Tututni, Yurok, Karok and English/Scottish descent. She earned a BA and MA in Education from Humboldt State University and taught 5th grade for two years. In 2004, she retired from HSU after 29.5 years in Counseling and Psychological Services. A longtime Methodist, Sharon has served on committees in the United Methodist Church at the local, conference and jurisdictional level including chairing the Native American Caucus of the CA-NV Conference and the Western Jurisdiction.

About this Event: This is the first in what we expect to be a series of events on the topic of water. This event is focused on drinking water, primarily in the state of CA. Subsequent events will explore water in NV and focus on agriculture and water, ecosystems and water, and more.

As we kick off this event on Friday evening, Jane Wagner-Tyack will make a presentation on water in California, the sources of water, the pressures on the supply of water and increasing inequities. Following Jane's presentation, we will watch the video, 'Thirsty for Justice,' which explores California's failure to provide clean, safe drinking water to all its residents.

On Saturday morning, our opening devotion will be led by our Native American friends, Sharon Eller Sligh and Ruthie Maloney.

Saturday morning, we will host a panel that includes Dr. Joshua Viers who will lay a broad foundation for not only this discussion about drinking water but also about topics we will consider in the future, including agriculture and ecosystems. Water activists, including Pastor Roy Pina, will join the conversation that will conclude with ideas for action.

Registration: You are strongly encouraged to attend both the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions, although both can stand independently. If attending both Friday and Saturday programs, you must register for each.

To register for the Friday evening program, [click here](#).

To register for the Saturday morning program, [click here](#).

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18th