



# From Resilience to Restoration

A [People's Justice Council](#) (PJC) Initiative

Archimedes once said, “Give me but a firm spot on which to stand, and I shall move the earth.” **Communities of faith are a firm spot from which to move the South—and the whole earth.** We are working through existing networks and faith-based communities to create *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs throughout the South and beyond. We are starting with a centralized, online database of resources geared toward adaptation and use by individual houses of faith in creating local *From Resilience to Restoration* plans. Beginning with the Gulf South, we have established state hubs in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

## Our Vision

To utilize a sports metaphor, *you cannot win if you are simply playing a defensive game.* Therefore, we are building *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs at the national, state, and local (house of faith) levels. **We envision a future in which local communities are strengthened by a restoration of environmental and social/economic systems that enable us not just to live life, but to live it to the fullest, in a Just, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive (JEDI) future.**

## Key Contacts

**PJC Executive Director and [Grist 2020 Fixer](#) Reverend Michael Malcom is Restoration Hub Coordinator.** Malcom is facilitating the establishment of *From Resilience to Restoration* hubs throughout the South and beyond. Rev Malcom’s interfaith environmental justice (EJ) work has led to such initiatives as the [Southeast Faith Leaders Network](#). He is also the Environmental Justice Representative for the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, the co-chair of the Building Power from the Grassroots Task Force with Climate Action Network International, and the co-chair of the Environmental Justice working group for the Southeast Climate and Energy Network.

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## The “Three Rs” of a Restoration Plan

**As a member of America’s first [Justice40 Initiative cohort](#), the PJC is helping direct vital funding and other resources to the frontline communities where they are most needed.** Let us help you develop a local *From Resilience to Restoration* plan. We would love to visit you in person, if possible; virtually, if not. We want to listen to you, amplify your voices, and help you match resources with needs in three critical areas of restoration: Ecological, Economic, and Ecumenical. Visit [TheRestorationHub.org](#) to learn more about crafting your own local restoration plan.

## Let Us Hear from You!

Want more information? Do you have knowledge and other resources to share? We’re all in this together. Let’s move *From Resilience to Restoration*. Email [kyle@thepeoplesjusticecouncil.org](mailto:kyle@thepeoplesjusticecouncil.org).

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