

JUSTICE DELAYED, FINALLY GAINED: HOW PORTLAND FAMILIES DISPLACED BY URBAN RENEWAL WON RESTITUTION

WHAT EVER HAPPENED WITH EDPA2?

Find out on Sunday, February 22, 2026
12:00-1:30 pm, Eliot Chapel, First Unitarian Church



Ms. Byrd (pictured above, speaking to the reporter), the founder of Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2 (EDPA2), with whom our congregation has been long connected, returns to recap and update the efforts that led to their remarkable settlement with the City of Portland last year. Under Byrd's determined and creative leadership, EDPA2 persisted for many years as an ad hoc, community-based social justice organization made up of people whose family homes and businesses had been demolished in the 1970s to make way for a hospital expansion that never happened. Byrd dedicated almost ten years of her life to advocating and agitating for justice, for restitution. It was Byrd's scholarship, study, research and persistence that led to the filing of a lawsuit that resulted in an unprecedented settlement. Don't miss this uplifting story about a successful struggle to achieve redress that took more than 50 years.

To contact Ms. Byrd: Contactedpa2@gmail.com

Childcare is available with advance notice. Please email Rev Leah with your request: longiri@firstunitarianportland.org.

Very light refreshments provided before the event. Please BYO if you need more sustenance.