

**JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF January 26, 2026**

Timely Advocacy Needed

Episcopal leaders are amplifying widespread calls for the Trump administration to de-escalate its deployment of federal immigration authorities to American cities. **The U.S. Senate is about to take a vote on a bill giving the Department of Homeland Security billions of dollars in funding that will expand ICE operations.** Contact your senators' offices right now. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at **202-224-3121** to be connected to your senators' offices and urge them to refuse to vote for any appropriations bill funding the Department of Homeland Security that fails to rein in ICE.

Learn more about how to support the work happening in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota:
<https://bit.ly/ecmnimmigrationsupport>

From Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe: Death and despair do not have the last word

“In the coming years, our church will continue to be tested in every conceivable way as we insist that death and despair do not have the last word, and as we stand with immigrants and the most vulnerable among us who reside at the heart of God. We will be required to hold fast to God’s promise to make all things new, because our call to follow God’s law surpasses any earthly power or principality that might seek to silence our witness.?

Did you know that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

The FIFA World Cup in summer of 2026 will be like having 8 *super bowls* in Northern NJ (with 8 matches including the final held at MetLife Stadium). Large sporting events like the World Cup are known to increase the demand for sex trafficking victims, and the World Cup in particular has also been associated with labor trafficking cases (including in construction, hospitality, retail industries, etc.) So, it is critical to educate our communities and raise awareness before, during, and after this long tournament. **Learn more [from NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)**

This week special event:

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 pm

NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking

With the upcoming World Cup in our Region “How Can You Help to See Signs?”

Join this World Cup Webinar informed by Survivors to learn what you can do - [Register](#)

Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 and 7 pm

Online Know Your Right (KYR) DIRE Training

Designed to educate immigrants and communities on their constitutional rights when encountering ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

12pm registration link <https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/yVI-EIouQlyOWV1vsTujg>

7pm registration link <https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/K60bbwXeTWuchs-PYrkVmQ>

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, January 27, 1:00-1:30pm (and every Tuesday)

Join Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Office of Government Relations every Tuesday at 1 for 30-minute updates on U.S. immigration policy and how Episcopal churches and communities are responding. Spanish interpretation is available. Register [here](#).

Tuesday, January 27, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

Rally behind resistance to authoritarianism. Ringwood and Union Ave, Wanaque, NJ

Tuesday, January 27, 7:30PM ET

UNDERSTANDING EXTREMISM: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RADICALIZATION

What pulls people toward extremist movements? The team at Mindbridge shares the psychology behind today's populist and extremist movements. When we understand what's fueling radicalization, we're better equipped to resist it and interrupt it, and use these same psychological forces to build connection, resilience, and community. Register [here](#).

Wednesday, January 28,

Time to get back on the horse and reintroduce the Climate Superfund Act. But that doesn't mean we don't need to speak to our senators about what Washington can do.

Join Greenfaith advocates to **visit with Senator Booker in his NJ Office in Newark** to discuss . To RSVP or learn more Contact tracey@greenfaith.org

Now that we have a new Governor, you have an opportunity to highlight the need for the Climate Superfund Act, and more clean energy. Mikie Sherrill's team is asking for input in this [short survey](#) about what's important to you.

Wednesday, January 28, 2:00-5:00

Whistle Kit Event

Join local Trouble Nation/Red Wine and Blue folks to assemble whistle kits to distribute to neighbors to help them notify their friends and neighbors when ICE is in the vicinity. Dover Public Library [Register](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 4-5 and subsequent Wednesdays

Teaneck Peace and Justice Vigil

Join the local New Jersey Peace and Justice to express your support for the end of deportations and the war in Ukraine. National Guard Armory, 1799 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Saturday, January 31, 12:30-3:30

Whistle Kit Event

Join local Trouble Nation/Red Wine and Blue folks to assemble whistle kits to distribute to neighbors to help them notify their friends and neighbors when ICE is in the vicinity. Fort Nonsense Brewery, 220 Franklin Road, Randolph, NJ [Register](#)

Saturday, January 31, 2-4 pm

Love Your Neighbor Emergency Training



Sparta United Methodist Church, 71 S Sparta Ave., Sparta

Rapid Response Groups – These teams are meant to respond when ICE is in an area and document actions. Interested? Unsure? Go to the training.

Sunday, February 1, 3:00 pm and February 22

Delaney Hall

Join other Episcopalians in being present during visiting hours at the ICE detention center, Delaney Hall in Newark. The Diocese of Newark has a regular presence on the 4th Sunday (January 25) and the first Sunday (February 1) at 3:00 pm. Bring materials to support family members waiting for hours in the cold. Blankets, supermarket or uber gift cards are welcome. Reach out to Nancy MacDonald macdonald623@aol.com and Rev. Miguel Hernandez miguel_h92@yahoo.com to get involved.

Sunday, February 1, and subsequent Sundays, 3-4

Montclair Sunday Protests

Bring your signs to the corners of Church St & Bloomfield Ave **EVERY SUNDAY** from 3-4pm. This is a grassroots event unaffiliated with any organization. [For information](#)

Sunday, February 1, and subsequent Sundays, 4-4:30

Leonia Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join Leonia's New Jersey Peace and Action branch at the intersection of Broad Avenue and Fort Lee Road, in Leonia, NJ.

Monday, February 2, and subsequent Mondays, 11:45

Public Witness Prayers

Hear the prayers aloud, in the context of a simple liturgy, prayed by members of the Community of Francis and Clare. [Join by Zoom](#)

Monday, February 2, and subsequent Mondays, 4-5 p.m.

The Lantern League

A network of grassroots advocates, rallying every Monday in Denville at the corner of Pocono and Diamond Spring Rd, Gazebo Park.

Monday, February 2, 8:00 pm

Episcopal Compline Prayer Service, first Mondays

An evening of peace-filled meditation and prayer as we gather around the country to pray for God's beautiful creations. Register here:

[Creation Care Compline - Intellistack](#)

Wednesday, February 4, 2:00-5:00

Whistle Kit Event

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THURSDAY February 5th – Special Election Primary District 11

Learn about the candidates

Voter Guide — SOMA Action <https://share.google/EUfrzApsC9a0Sqtbu>

Sunday, February 8th

Migration with Dignity Sunday

Migration with Dignity Sunday is an opportunity to learn and teach about the Migration with Dignity Principles and to include prayers for Migration with Dignity in worship. [The Caucus](#) has developed resources to help congregations plan liturgies, discussions, workshops, teach-ins, etc. for MWD Sunday.

Migration with Dignity is a paradigm-changing framework for discussing immigrant rights. The Migration with Dignity principles have deep resonance with scripture and Christian theology. [Read more](#)



Wednesday, February 9, 1:30-5:30

Whistle Kit Event

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February 10th and 11th, 9:30 -1:30

Gathering Ground Racial Equity Training (zoom)

Whitney Parnell, Founder and CEO of [Service Never Sleeps](#), to lead her [Allyship for Racial Equity](#) training. This workshop will help participants identify their areas of privilege and apply tools to be effective allies through methods of centering individuals experiencing marginalization, self/mirror work, and influencing others. Space is limited but workshop is free. [Register now!](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 12:00 pm

Unity Prayers at Noon

Monthly - 2nd Weds through May

In this conflicted time prayer is a welcome balm. Join us monthly via zoom at noon. We come together to hold each other UP in prayer. We gather to share interfaith prayers of lamentation, protest and intercession, prayers for courage and resilience.

[Sign up today!](#)

Sunday, February 15, 2:00

Service Celebrating the Life and Ministry of The Rev. Absalom Jones

Where: St. George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood

Please join us for this festive annual event celebrating the life and ministry of The Rev. Absalom Jones, the first black person to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. All are welcome

Wednesday, February 20, 1:30-5:30

Whistle Kit Event

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Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2:30-3:30

Support Ukraine Rally

National Ukrainian Association

2200 Rt. 10 W, Parsippany

Support Ukraine on 4th Anniversary of Russian Invasion

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