

JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF October 27, 2025

Think is a very important election for NJ, October 26-Nov. 4 VOTE !!!

It is more critical than ever! Early voting is open NOW. For questions about locations and hours for both early voting and voting on the day, go to nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml. Your vote directly impacts affordable housing, education, and more. It is crucial to have reliable, nonpartisan information. You can celebrate by sharing our nonpartisan voter information website: VOTE411.org, your one-stop shop for election information in English and Spanish. Millions of voters use VOTE411 each year to cast their ballot with confidence. Here are some actions you can take: [Get to know your ballot](#). Enter your address to learn about the candidates and issues you will vote on. [Make a plan to vote](#), including when and how you will cast your ballot. Learn about [voting rules](#) in your area.

End the Shutdown

While Congress continues to get paid, the American people, including some of our most vulnerable community members, will not have their most basic needs met. We must protect the health and well-being of our neighbors. [Tell Congress](#) to put aside partisan politics, come together on a budget bill, and end the shutdown now.

Immigration

Immigration Trust Act

Although there are limits on cooperation between federal immigration authorities and NJ state and local law enforcement under the [Immigration Trust Directive](#), this proposed state law would codify the directive. For information and to send a message:

<https://action.aclu.org/send-message/nj-pass-the-immigrant-trust-act>

Or call NJ Senate President Nicholas Scutari (732-827-7480) with a simple message: Please ensure the safety of my neighbors by letting the ITA (S3672) be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee and then come to a full Senate vote."

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, October 28, 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](#).

Delaney Hall

Volunteers continue to gather at Delaney Hall, the detention center at 451 Doremus Ave., Newark, on Saturdays and Sundays, from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 pm-9 pm. Bring signs protesting mass apprehensions, detention and deportations, and bring materials to support family members waiting for hours in the hot sun: bottled water; granola bars or other snacks; bubbles, sidewalk chalk, yo-yos, or other toys for young children.

The Diocese of Newark will have a regular Episcopal Presence the first Sunday (November 2) and the 4th Sunday (November 23) at 3:00 pm. Reach out to Nancy MacDonald macdonald623@aol.com and Rev. Miguel Hernandez miguel_h92@yahoo.com to get involved.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8pm

VETS SAY NO

Calling on veterans and those in solidarity! Hear directly from vets on how you can take action on with them in November to stand up to the weaponization of our military, ICE enforcement, and cuts in essential funding. Register [here](#).

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30

Love America Rally with Heather Cox Richardson

Join historian and author Heather Cox Richardson as we talk about how Americans can take back patriotism in this moment—including by voting and getting our friends to vote in the elections happening nationwide on Tuesday, November 4th. Register [here](#).

Thursday, Oct. 30, 10-10:30 a.m.

Churches for Middle East Peace weekly calls on conflict

Join weekly briefings on the Israel-Hamas war hosted by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), of which The Episcopal Church is a founding member and active on the board. CMEP mobilizes Christians in the United States to advocate for equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East. Register [here](#).

Read [Presiding Bishop Sean Rowes letter](#) about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Thursday, Oct. 30, (and every Thursday) 1-1:30 p.m. ET

[Episcopal Public Policy Network/Office of Government Relations weekly calls](#)

Join these 30-minute conversations each Thursday with Office of Government Relations staff members, who share an overview of the political environment and legislative outlook, offer advocacy tips, and answer questions. [Register here](#).

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7-7:30, and subsequent Thursdays

Shine the Light

Rally for a bold, inclusive, compassionate democracy! Lincoln Park, across from Post Office, 156 Park Ave, Rutherford, NJ

Sunday, November 2, 11:30am-12:30pm

Sunday Conversation: Northern NJ Sanctuary Coalition

St. Mark's – 118 Chadwick Rd, Teaneck

St. Mark's adult forum will be hosted by board members of The Northern NJ Sanctuary Coalition. NNNJSC helps asylum seekers to meet housing, employment, education, medical and legal needs, assisting them in navigating immigration and other systems and helping them

achieve self-sufficiency. You are invited to join us to learn more about this group whose work in 'welcoming the stranger' has never been more needed and how you might get involved.

Monday, Nov. 3, and subsequent Mondays, 6-7 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.

Friday Nov. 14, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Way Out of No Way: Systemic Racism and Resilience

In this workshop series, Dr. Tricia Rose will guide participants on an interactive exploration of how systemic racism has and continues to shape the lives, choices, and opportunities of Black people in America. At a time when it feels like celebrating, embracing, and learning about our cultural differences are under attack, it is important now more than ever to take advantage of opportunities to engage in this content. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our funders the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Gathering Ground is able to offer this workshop series free of charge to ensure accessibility for all who'd like to attend, so be sure to register now and save your seat! [Workshop 3 ~ November 14](#)

([Workshop 4 ~ December 5](#))