

JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF October 6, 2025

Ongoing:

Think is a very important election for NJ. Consider getting involved.

League of Women Voters: It's [National Voter Education Week!](#)

October 6-10, 2025, is dedicated to empowering people with the tools they need to participate in our democracy. 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:

- **Monday:** [Check your voter registration!](#) If you are not registered, do so!
- **Tuesday:** [Get to know your ballot.](#) Enter your address to learn about the candidates and issues you will vote on.
- **Wednesday:** [Make a plan to vote](#), including when and how you'll cast your ballot.
- **Thursday:** Learn about [voting rules](#) in your area.
- **Friday: Empower your community by forwarding this information !**
[Ask two friends to register to vote or to verify their registrations.](#) Studies show that [people are more likely to vote](#) if they are encouraged by someone they know.

In order to vote in this election, you must be registered to vote by October 14th [register](#) to vote for the first time by the deadline. [Update](#) your address or re-register if you have recently moved. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is **October 28th, 2025**. No need to wait to make sure your voice is counted and heard in this year's election. If you want a mail-in ballot, [click here](#)

Immigration

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, October 7, 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. 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.

Planning is underway for a regular Episcopal Presence one Sunday a month (fourth or first) Stay tuned or email Nancy MacDonald macdonald623@aol.com and Rev. Miguel Hernandez miguel_h92@yahoo.com to get involved in the planning.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7-8

The Current State of Book Bans and How to Fight Back.

Hear from experts at PEN America and authors whose books have been banned as we explore the current state of book banning, the new playbook of censorship, the real impact on writers and readers alike, and, most importantly, how to fight back and protect the freedom to read. Sponsored by Red Wine and Blue. Register [here](#).

Thursday, Oct. 9, 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 October 9, 1- 2 pm

Episcopal Divinity School: What Do We Do About Democracy?

Dr. Anthea Butler, historian and author of *White Evangelical Racism*, will address the urgent question: *What do we do about democracy now?* She will connect the history of racism in American evangelicalism to our present democratic crisis, showing how White Christian Nationalism undermines both faith and civic life. Her insights will help us consider how we came to forfeit many fundamentals of democracy and what faith looks like under authoritarianism. [Register Here](#)

Oct. 9, (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. 9, 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, 10/12, 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, Oct. 12, 3-6

Nonviolent Direct Action Training

United for Peace and Justice sponsors a discussion of theoretical and practical applications of nonviolent direct action as the best way to respond to authoritarianism and the repressive use of state power. Register [here](#).

Monday, Oct. 13, 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.

Saturday, October 18,

NO KINGS DAY

Less than three weeks from now, millions of everyday people in cities and small towns will rise up with one voice, telling the White House, Congress, and the courts: No Kings!

MoveOn is joining together with coalition partners for another peaceful No Kings national mobilization on October 18. [RSVP now.](#)

Events will take place in every state and in thousands of cities and towns, both big and small—across the country. There are 1,855 events registered!

[Will you check to see if there is one near you? RSVP now to get this on your calendar and receive updates from the organizers. If you don't see an event near you, you can host one or stay tuned because more are being added everyday!](#)

Did you miss the Sept. 18 Kick off Call? [Recording Available](#)

Saturday, October 18, 2-5 p.m.

North Jersey Community Civic Action Session: From Listening to Action

Sponsored by We the People/NJ and Partners Present, this will present voter information and mobilization resources. Register [here](#) to receive the full Newark address

October 23, 8 pm

Faith 4 Climate Justice Sun Day Follow Up Planning

Photos, stories, and reports are pouring in from dozens of SUN Day events and hundreds of attendees nationwide. You can view many of those photos in this video slideshow [by clicking here](#). Join Greenfaith for what is next by attending our October 23rd National Organizing Call. [Register for the Call](#)

Friday Oct 24, 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 2 ~ October 24](#),

[Workshop 3 ~ November 14](#), [Workshop 4 ~ December 5](#))