

JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF November 17, 2025

Any time!

Act Now to Help End Homelessness

Homelessness is at a record level, especially among children with families and unaccompanied youth. A presidential executive order rejects housing-first measures and advocates involuntary institutionalization and incarceration. Write to your senator and representatives to push for change. A sample letter is [here](#)

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.”

Immigration

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, November 18, 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 cold.

The Diocese of Newark has a regular Episcopal Presence the 4th Sunday (November 23) and the first Sunday (December 7) and at 3:00 pm. Reach out to Nancy MacDonald macdonald623@aol.com and Rev. Miguel Hernandez miguel_h92@yahoo.com to get involved.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8pm

ACLU People Power November Action Call

Join a virtual meeting for information about national planning for 2026 and learn about next steps. Register [here](#)

Wednesday, Nov 19 10:00 – 11:00 am

Communities in Conversation

What to Expect from a New Administration

Please join Gathering Ground for a 60-minute collaborative conversation with your peers to explore possible opportunities and challenges with a new NJ administration. [RSVP](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 4-5 pm 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.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 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 Rows letter](#) about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Thursday, Nov. 20, (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, Nov. 20 7pm

Prayers as Activism

An Online Workshop with Richard J. Marks sponsored by Episcopal Connections: The Church Club of NY. When was the last time you thought of prayer as movement—as something that activates change in yourself and the world? Whether you're a seasoned writer or new to the practice, you're invited to bring a prayer from any tradition (or a song, blessing, or even a heartfelt "thank you" from a letter), engage in reflective writing exercises, and explore how prayers can be the ground from which we activate higher-centered feelings and actions.

[Register for Event](#)

Thursday, Nov. 20, 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.

Saturday, Nov. 22, 11-2

No Kings Mass Mutual Aid Hawthorne

Join the Thanksgiving Visibility Brigade over Rt. 208 in Hawthorne, NJ with “NO ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY” messaging, and bring a grocery bag of non-perishable items to help neighbors who need support. Donations to go **Martha’s Pantry at St. Clements Church**. Register [here](#) for the address.

Saturday, Nov. 22 12 – 3 pm

No Kings Mass Mutual Aid, Newton

Visit the Newton Green at 4 Spring St from 12PM-3PM to march, rally, connect with organizations, and donate food, household, and personal care products to support families in need. Donations will be delivered to local non-profit organizations to distribute.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 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, Nov. 23, 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, Nov. 24 and subsequent Mondays, 11:45 am

Episcopal Policy Network shares new prayers for the vulnerable among us facing challenges, fears, and threats. We will name many of the harms unfolding and acknowledge what is being erased, lost, and threatened. [Join by Zoom](#) to hear the prayers aloud, in the context of a simple liturgy, prayed by members of the Community of Francis and Clare.

Monday, Nov. 24, and subsequent Mondays, 4-5 p.m.(new time)

The Lantern League

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

November 30, 2025 is Break the Silence Sunday.

From Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe:

Our Gospel commitment calls us to stand with those who have suffered violence and to ensure that it has no place in our homes, churches, and communities. Gender-based violence is a particular epidemic, and each of us has a responsibility to become educated on its prevalence—and to play a role in healing its harms and disrupting its generational cycles.

Breaking the Silence Sunday, Nov. 30, is also the first Sunday of Advent, the church’s season of waiting and anticipation. As we enter this often-quiet period, we are reminded of how John the Baptist entered the biblical scene. He was someone who broke silence with his clarion call for the people of his time to repent because the kingdom of heaven draws near. As in John’s Day, breaking silence prepares the way for God’s transforming work—for truth to prevail and for justice to take root in our hearts and in our common life

[The Toolkit for participation is linked here >](#)

Thursday, December 4, 7-8:15 pm (in person)

Lightbearers: Rebels, Reformers and Visionaries

St. John's Lutheran, 587 Springfield Ave, Summit

Throughout the centuries, in times of crisis, visionary reformers emerge to stand against the darkness of their day and show us a path forward. Join us for this yearlong series.

Faith leaders, guides, and fellow sojourners will share about someone who has impacted their faith and understanding of the spiritual landscape.

Each session will include a presentation, opportunities for dialogue as we reflect on the connections between faiths and our own faith journey.

Future sessions: Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5

Sponsored by Interweave - Light Refreshments - Good will offering.

[Sign up today!](#)

Friday Dec. 5, 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 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 4 ~ December 5](#))

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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!](#)