

JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF December 8, 2025

Any time!

This Season

Shop your values. Consider shopping locally!

Act Now to Help End Homelessness

The shortest day of the year, Dec. 21, is also Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, which honors and remembers people who lost their lives while experiencing homelessness. While we mark this day as a moment of remembrance and reflection, we also call on Congress to address the upward trend in homelessness. In The Episcopal Church, we believe that housing is a human right. We know many of you also do what you can to serve those in need. We ask you to include advocacy as one way you can care for the least of these. The need for increased funding for homelessness assistance and affordable housing programs is greater than ever. Call on Congress and ask that they prioritize those in need and work to end homelessness.

[Take Action](#)

Why are people homeless? Find out more in a [PBS News Interview](#) with Journalist Brian Goldstone, author of "There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America,"

Join GREENFAITH in Supporting the Climate Superfund Act (S3545 / A4696)

As people of faith, we are committed to climate justice. We know the climate crisis harms everyone, but disproportionately harms communities of low income, people of color, and immigrants. The Climate Superfund Act would make New Jersey more equitable and affordable by producing millions in aid to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The full text of the letter: [show me more](#). Faith leader signatures total is 101 but still time to sign on by emailing Tracey Stephens tracey@greenfaith.org GreenFaith will hold a press conference to deliver the signatures to NJ legislators.

First Friends of NJ/NY

Dedicated to helping detainees at ICE facilities and those who are incarcerated, there are a number of ways you may volunteer. For more information, check [here](#).

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, December 9, 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, Dec. 9, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30

The Top 5 News Stories You Haven't Heard

Jessica Yellin, an award-winning journalist and founder of News Not Noise, will talk about the top 5 news stories that we are not hearing about. In addition to identifying stories that really matter, she will give tips on staying up to date going forward. Sponsored by Red Wine and Blue. Register [here](#).

Wednesday, December 10, 3 pm

Gathering at the Fire: Indigenous Scholars Reframe the Bible for All God's People

This 'Beyond Walls: Works in Progress' webinar, offered by Bexley Seabury Seminary in partnership with the Episcopal Parish Network, will explore how Indigenous traditions, history, and worldview illuminate Scripture in transformative ways—affirming the dignity of Indigenous cultures, confronting colonial interpretations, and offering fresh insights for the church's work of justice and reconciliation today. [Learn more and Register](#).

Wednesday, December 10, 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, December 11, 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, December 11, (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, December 11, 7-7:30 p.m., and subsequent Thursdays

Shine the Light

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

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:30

Thinking Outside the Box – Creativity in Organizing

The Center for Artistic Activism shares stories of unexpected campaigns that mobilized communities. You will learn fun, interactive exercises to help you bring creative energy into the work you are already doing and new ways to make an impact. Register [here](#)

Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:00-3:00

Gifts of Conscience Fair

Pick up gifts at the holiday market featuring local and global non-profit vendors and community partners. At the Morristown UU, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown NJ.

Sunday, December 14, 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, December 14, 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, Dec. 15, 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, Dec. 15, 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.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 3:00 and January 5

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 (December 28) and the first Sunday (January 5) 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.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 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!](#)

