

JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF March 9, 2026

Urgent Actions of the Week:

Condemn attack on Iran and Assert War Powers - Just eight weeks after unauthorized military action in Venezuela, the Trump administration has again used military force to issue a first strike on a sovereign state without seeking congressional authorization to go to war or generating support of the international community. The United States military strikes on Iran represent a continued disregard for national and international law. We lament once again the reckless use of military force rather than investment in negotiations and multilateralism. Now, U.S. actions are dangerously escalating violence in the region, putting the lives and well-being of millions at risk, as well as causing profound impacts globally. **Please tell your members of congress to reclaim war powers and do all they can to stop escalating violence.** [Act Now](#)
[Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on Military Strike on Iran](#)
[A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Primate of the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East](#)

Singing Resistance: Northern New Jersey

Are you a singer? This organization is a grassroots movement formed in Solidarity with the Singing Resistance in Minneapolis with the purpose of bringing songs of Peace, Love, Unity and Justice to protests, vigils, strikes, and to unify and strengthen the network of existing community action in our state, using song as a tool for **nonviolent protest**, community resilience, and care. Contact form [here](#).

Immigrant Support Response Survey

Fill out a [survey](#) to volunteer for rapid response to ICE presence, and food delivery or laundry in **Morris County** for those afraid to venture out.

Postcard Toolkit

An easy and effective way of engaging in advocacy is by writing a postcard. The Commission on Justice, Peace and Racial Reconciliation offers the Postcard Toolkit to help support your congregation and your parishioners eager to carry out their faith through action
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/resources/engaging-in-advocacy-the-postcard-toolkit/>

Tuesday, March 10, Noon

Episcopal Church Vigil for Peace

Join Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and ecumenical and interfaith partners to offer reflections and prayers for peace in the midst of the war in the Middle East. The vigil offers an opportunity to be with others as we mourn the violence and loss of life.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O129CCsSQyCICJvgPydEQA?mc_cid=fc5df47957&mc_eid=7c4efec79d#/registration

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, March 10, 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, March 10, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday March 10th, 7 pm

Engage and Adapt Training

Sojourners Action

Throughout the year, we've demanded moral courage from our leaders in Congress, and we want to make sure they know we're not stopping now. While doing so, we aim to provide faith leaders with the necessary tools to help people adapt to the changes resulting from the recent legislation passed by Congress. Register [here](#).

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30-8:30

Understanding the Threat to Our Voting Rights

Red Wine and Blue

The right to vote is under attack, and it's happening fast. Across the country, extremists are passing laws under the guise of "election security" that are really just voter suppression in disguise. Join Red Wine and Blue to understand exactly what laws are being passed, how they're designed to silence our voices, and who's behind them. It's time to get informed, get loud, and get to work. Let's make sure everyone we know understands what's at stake before our critical November elections. See you there! https://redwine-blue.zoom.us/meeting/register/KMXyV-JzSkmVEcXj2_kpiQ
<https://secure.ngpvan.com/sf6tWOwIUqFtGgKHj31w2>

March 11, 9:30-11:30am

NJ Division of Civil Rights

Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions

This 2-hour training explores how microaggressions manifest in our daily lives and impact our relationships with others. Participants will investigate effective strategies for responding to microaggressions that they experience and commit. [Register](#) (For the full program description and other program listings, visit our trainings webpage at https://bit.ly/ETU_Trainings.)

Wednesday, March 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!](#)

Wednesday, March 11, 1pm

A Faithful Response to Billionaires

Join Sojourners for a Gospel-grounded talk on extreme wealth, moral witness, and a more just economy. In a time of widening inequality, many of us are asking what faithful witness looks like when extreme wealth shapes public life. Billionaires are increasingly able to sway political decisions—with consequences that fall hardest on everyone else. What does it mean to take seriously the gospel's call to bring good news to the poor in this moment? And what would *A Faithful Response to Billionaires* look like?

Join us on March 11th at 1pm ET, for a conversation featuring people who work among both the rich and the poor to build a more just economy. Together, we'll examine the mega-rich through a spiritual lens—naming the consequences of extreme wealth not only for those who don't possess it, but also for those who do.

Register [here](#).

Wednesday, March 11, 2-5 pm

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, March 11, 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.

Thursday, March 12, 5-8

Sharing Love and Community at Delaney Hall

Provide hospitality to visitors at Delaney Hall with Red Wine and Blue and Team No Nonsense. Bring grocery gift cards of \$25 or less, LYFT gift cards, diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, hot water, coffee or hot chocolate packets, sugar packets and treats. Carpooling is highly recommended, so register [here](#).

Thursday, March 12, 5:30 pm

Covenant for our Future

Greenfaith

During this one-hour gathering, you'll meet Mia Coward, an experienced campaigner and organizer who is our new Covenant Campaign Coordinator. She and I will share about launching the Covenant Campaign and how you can get involved. This is a moment that calls for moral courage, visible public witness, and organized people power. Your voice and leadership matter deeply. → [Register here](#)



Thursdays, 12-6:45 pm

Sparta "Hands on Democracy"
Sparta United Methodist Church
71 S. Sparta Ave.

Whistle Kits, Postcard Writing, Ice Hat Knitting
And more

Saturday, March 14, 12 noon, and subsequent Saturdays

ICE Out for Good

Protest ICE actions at rallies hosted by Springfield Visibility. At the Tesla dealer at 135 US-22, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Sunday, March 15, 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, March 15, 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, March 16, 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, March 16, and subsequent Mondays, 5:00-6:00 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, March 16 at 12pm in Trenton

Rally to pass State Climate Legislation

Both the Senate and Assembly Environment as well as several other Committees will be meeting, and we have high hopes that at least one of these committees will be moving the bill forward. But regardless, we'll be rallying – joined by a number of legislative sponsors and allies – and need you there to help make it a success! Help pass the bill before Earth Day April 22.

[March 16 - Trenton Day of Action](#)

[Click to RSVP](#)

[SPEAKING FAITHFULLY ABOUT CLIMATE HARM & RESPONSIBILITY](#)

[Click here for resource document.](#)

Tuesday, March 17, 9:30-11:30

NJ Division of Civil Rights

Strategies for Effective Bystander Intervention

This 2-hour training explores the factors that influence bystander intervention and research-based strategies for intervening effectively in response to different forms of bias and discrimination, including explicit bias, “casual” bias, and bias expressed in digital environments. [Register.](#) (For the full program description and other program listings, visit our trainings webpage at [https://bit.ly/ETU Trainings.](https://bit.ly/ETU_Trainings))

Thursday, March 19, 7:30-8:30pm

Disinformation 101: How to Identify and Fight It

Red Wine and Blue

Distinguishing real news from fake can be challenging today with bots spreading disinfo far and wide, deep fakes on our feeds and the amplification of bad information by influencers. We all see the impact that disinformation has on politics in our country. Are you ready to take a stand and fight back against it? Join us to learn what exactly is disinformation, how to recognize it, and what we can do to fight its spread. See you there! <https://redwine-blue.zoom.us/meeting/register/Z0CbXfkNSEWc9J6ezfAIBg>
<https://secure.ngpvan.com/wwOcmnn5ikioJKGbaYFYDA2>

Thursday, March 19, 7:00PM

Greenfaith Bergen Circle Meeting

[March 19, 7:00 pm - Central Bergen GreenFaith Circle](#)

[Click to RSVP \(zoom meeting\)](#)

Saturday, March 21, 9:30-11:00 am

Climate Advocate Workshop

[Northern NJ Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby](#) to engage with Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) and Nellie Pou (NJ-9). The Chapter will host a hybrid **Climate Advocate Workshop** based on the principles of BRIDGE at The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. This training, called BRIDGE ([Building Relationships in Dialogue, Growth, and Engagement](#)), teaches a practice of curiosity, empathy, and partnership rather than judgment or frustration. BRIDGE offers a new perspective to help us connect with others more effectively. The workshop will introduce new volunteers to CCL. Registration on Eventbrite can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/plugin-climate-advocate-workshop-in-ridgewood-nj-registration-1982714582690>

Sunday, March 22, 2:15-4:00

Skills for Disagreeing Better

Chester Library, 250 W Main St, Chester

This in person event sponsored by Braver Angels will give you the tools to help you have conversations with people you disagree with. In this polarized time, we lack basic

understanding of why people on the other political side hold their beliefs. We don't see them as they see themselves—their core values and central concerns—but instead as we choose to see them. We are tempted to regard our own side as principled and the other side as self-interested. When we try to communicate across this gap, we often lack the skills for listening carefully, looking for common ground, and sharing our perspectives in ways that connect rather than create more misunderstanding. We can learn to disagree better in polarized times, which means accurately seeing where we differ and where we share common ground. This is a free event [Register](#)

Sunday, March 22, 3:00

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 and the first Sunday 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.

Monday, March 23, 4-5 pm

UN Commission on the Status of Women

Explore ways for Episcopal dioceses, parishes, and individuals to [participate locally](#) in the 70th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW70), March 9-19 at U.N. headquarters in New York City. Aligning with the session's theme of "ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls," Episcopalians are invited to join in churchwide and diocesan engagement—before, during, and after the session—through education, advocacy, prayer, and service. In this session Episcopal Church delegates, dioceses, and independent participants will report back on their UNCSW70 engagement and share ideas for continuing Anglican and churchwide action. [Register](#)

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30-8:30pm

Lessons from Women Who Changed America

Red, Wine and Blue

Women didn't just witness history — they made it. From abolition to voting rights, from labor organizing to the fight for civil rights, women have been organizing, resisting, and reshaping this country from the very beginning. Often without credit. This Women's History Month, we're honoring these stories and exploring the lessons they hold for us today. Join RWB fan favorite Jillian Gaeta of Roots to Revolution as she spotlights the bold women changemakers throughout American history and shares what their strategies can teach us about driving change right now. Women have always led the way and that energy is still very much needed today. See you there! https://redwine-blue.zoom.us/meeting/register/PV-qLx-gSwyfPoConDu_aA
<https://secure.ngpvan.com/d5otTok8V0iysHqEkO7UDg2>

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 pm

Greenfaith Summit Circle Meeting

[March 24, 7:30 pm - Summit Area GreenFaith Circle](#)

[Click to RSVP \(zoom meeting\)](#)

Thursday, March 26, 7pm-9pm

Beyond Red Flags: Rethinking Healthcare's Response to Human Trafficking

"People don't heal because we identify them, they heal when they feel safe."

Many victims of trafficking, abuse, and violence are unable to self-identify or safely disclose what they are experiencing. Yet systems often rely on red flags, checklists, and direct questioning, placing the burden of disclosure on those least able to carry it. Presented by the **NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking and HEAL Trafficking**, with funding from RWJ Barnabas Health, this survivor-informed webinar shifts the focus from identification to safety. Through lived experience and survivor perspective, participants will explore what helps people feel safer in moments of care and interaction, even when disclosure never happens. The conversation centers on language, environment, and responses that reduce harm, build trust, and open pathways to support. **This webinar is free to attend and open to all.** [REGISTER HERE](#)

Thursday, March 26, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET

Talking Tough Topics: Handling Conversations Like a Pro

With so much happening in politics right now our voices matter more than ever. Misinformation is everywhere and it is important that we know how to share accurate information, stand up for our values, and engage in conversations that make an impact. Want a little help having effective and persuasive conversations? We got you! Join us to hear from communications expert Jess McIntosh who will give us practical strategies to navigate political talk like a pro. Let's create change—one conversation at a time! See you there!

<https://redwine-blue.zoom.us/meeting/register/vwOdQjVXQwKzhBRcu8NEOw>
<https://secure.ngpvan.com/PEbyxr-zBkOtkyv4bATdbA2>

Thursday, March 26, 7PM

Greenfaith General Meeting

[March 26, 7:00 pm - GreenFaith New Jersey](#)

[Click to RSVP \(zoom meeting\)](#)

Saturday, March 28

NO KINGS Day!

We are showing up again on March 28. When our families are under attack and costs are pushing people to the brink, silence is not an option. We will defend ourselves and our communities against this administration's unjust and cruel acts of violence. America does not belong to strongmen or those who rule through fear. It belongs to us, the people **Find an event near you** <https://share.google/iEstCZBdlGG0gMap4>

Monday, March 31, Delaney Hall TBA

Good Friday, April 3, Delany Hall

RSVP and Accessibility info here: bit.ly/GoodFridayPilgrimage

Monday, April 6, 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 - Registration](#)
[Creation Care Compline - Intellistack](#)

May 30-31, 2026

Human Trafficking

[World Cup ACT - New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)

There will be more forthcoming, but they have issued this announcement for a May 30-31, 2026, in the field event. Trainings will be offered before the World Cup.

To Learn More Video: Preventing Human Trafficking at the 2026 World Cup in a Survivor Inclusive Way <https://youtu.be/AC3-jReyJDI?si=nZeGrnsKN7q22YEZ>

Learn more: [Homepage - New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)