JUSTICE PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION JUSTICE NEWS THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2025

Ongoing:

Help register college aged voters locally. <u>Sign up here</u>. League of Women Voters <u>article</u> on young voters.

Urge in-person Congressional oversight of ICE facilities.

In New Jersey, Delaney Hall ICE detention facility has been in the news lately. Contact your <u>senators</u> and <u>House representative</u> (if you are in Newark or Elizabeth) to encourage them to visit ICE detention centers. Senators and representatives are among the few people legally allowed to visit detention centers without any formal notice.

Urge your Senators and House representative (<u>call</u>, <u>write</u>, or <u>email</u>). in support of the WISE Act (<u>H.R. 2851</u>), which <u>prohibits ICE activity at domestic violence shelters</u> and similarly <u>sensitive locations</u>. People who have experienced abuse <u>deserve safety</u> from the people who harm, threaten, or try to control them, regardless of their immigration status. I am calling on [Sen./Rep. NAME] to support the WISE Act so it can be brought to the floor for a vote.

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

July 29 (and every Tuesday) 1-1:30 p.m.

Join Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Office of Government Relations every Tuesday at 1 p.m. ET for 30-minute updates on U.S. immigration policy d how Episcopal churches and communities are responding. Spanish interpretation is available. Register here.

Wednesday, July 30, or August 13, 8:00-9:00

One Million Rising, One Million Trained, Millions More Empowered Join a virtual national effort to train one million people to help lead in this moment and gain the skills to lead others in protecting our democracy. Sponsored by Mobilize.US and No Kings. Register here.

Thursday, July 31, 10-10:30

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 <u>Presiding Bishop Sean Rowes letter</u> about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

July 31 (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, July 31, 7:30PM

THE REAL IMPACT OF TARIFFS: SMALL BUSINESSES SPEAK OUT

Tariffs are hitting small businesses hard. Many are struggling to stay afloat amid shifting trade policies and economic uncertainty. Red Wine and Blue hosts this candid conversation with small business owners as they share how tariffs are disrupting their companies. Register here.

Friday August 1, 2:00 PM

Join the Episcopal Office of Government Relations for a pop-up webinar covering some of the anticipated **impacts of the recently passed H.R. 1 legislation (also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act").** This may well be the most consequential legislation that will pass during the 119th Congress. It makes changes across dozens of issues that impact you and your communities. **Register here**.

Eyes on ICE

Saturday, August 2, 9-12, 1-3, 6:30-8:30 (and subsequent Saturdays) Sunday, August 3, 9-12, 1-4, 5-8:30 (and subsequent Sundays)

Please join protesters and volunteers **every Saturday and Sunday until further notice** outside Delany Hall (451 Doremus Ave., Newark, NJ) where they provide what comfort they can to people who are coming to visit their loved ones. They loan umbrellas and give bottles of water to people forced to sit in the hot sun for hours. They also loan shoes and other items of clothing to people so they are not kept from visiting because of the dress code.

Tuesday, August 5, 7:00

Engage and Adapt

Join a webinar series run by Sojourner's SojoAction for faith leaders (not just clergy!), providing the tools to help people to adapt to changes resulting from recent legislation. Register here.