

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

Ongoing:

League of Women Voters: Help register college aged voters locally. [Sign up here](#). Important elections are happening across the country, and many election administrators are already recruiting poll workers for the 2026 midterms. [Become a poll worker](#) and an election hero who ensures our polls — and democracy — are accessible to all. League of Women Voters [article](#) on young voters.

League Action: The Federalization of Washington, DC

The President [deployed the National Guard to Washington, DC](#), and threatens to do the same to other states like Chicago, New York, and Baltimore. This is an unnecessary step towards a military state. [Tell your representatives](#) to oppose federal interference in DC!

EPPN Action Alert

Call on Congress to block military sales to Israel

Israel's campaign against Gaza is an unspeakable humanitarian and human rights crisis. It is estimated that more than 60,000 Gazans have died from indiscriminate Israeli attacks. Some attacks against civilians, including children, have been carried out with American-supplied armaments, including bunker-buster bombs and artillery and tank shells. Since taking office, the Trump Administration has approved nearly \$13 billion worth of arms transfers to Israel. The United Nations has declared famine in parts of Gaza, and hundreds of thousands face starvation. Israel has blocked almost all access to critical aid, including food, medicine, and other essential items. **The Episcopal Church has long urged the U.S. government to restrict military assistance to Israel, and we continue to [urge Congress to take action now](#).** Please join us in urging Congress to pass the Block the Bombs Act (H.R.3565), which would restrict the president's ability to transfer weapons to Israel and protect human rights, the dignity of human life, and the promise of peace. Action

Immigration

Episcopal Church Immigration Updates

Tuesday, Sept. 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](#).

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.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 6-8

New Jersey Peace Action/Pax Christi Eyes on ICE Protest Vigil

Planning is underway for a regular Episcopal Presence. Stay tuned or email Nancy Meyer macdonald623@aol.com to get involved in the planning.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays

Wanaque4Democracy Rally

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

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Why Fascists Fear Teachers w/Randi Weingarten

Red, White, and Blue invites you to a discussion led by guest speaker Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers, as we talk about this coordinated assault on **education** and why concepts like curiosity and empathy outrage fascists. Learn what's at stake, how these attacks hurt our kids and our country, and how we can fight back. [Register here](#)

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

Sept. 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, Sept. 11, 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

Thursday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

Mass Call on Military and Police Occupation

A conversation on the state of liberty and liberation in the face of politicized militarization and police occupation of our cities sponsored by Women's March Network. Register [here](#).

Monday, September 15, 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.

Monday, September 15th 7p.m.

Join Greenfaith for the official Sun Day Coalition Launch Call—a powerful kickoff that connects our faith-rooted organizing with the broader national climate mobilization. This is your chance to meet movement partners, frontline activists, and community groups beyond the faith sector, and to be inspired by the energy of a united climate movement. Together, we'll ground ourselves spiritually, learn from allies, and build momentum for Sun Day actions that shine with courage and collective power. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, be motivated, and step into something bigger than ourselves! See below for more info on SUN DAY Events.

[Register for the Launch Call Here](#)

Wednesday, Sep 17, 01:00 p.m.

In Conversation With: The Rev. Father Fadi Diab

An invitation from the Office of Government Relations: Join this upcoming webinar for **a direct perspective on the ongoing war in Gaza and the West Bank through an interview with Father Fadi Diab, parish priest in Ramallah and vice chair of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza**. Many of you already know Father Fadi speaks with honesty, clarity, and conviction about the daily realities of the Palestinian people, the challenges facing the Christian Church, and the urgent need for genuine efforts toward peace—not just words. We hope you will join in this important conversation. Register [here](#)

Wednesday, September 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Hands Across NJ: Constitution and Citizenship Day

Thousands of New Jerseyans will join in a living chain of resistance against authoritarianism, stretching from Fort Lee to Washington Crossing Historic Park. Sign up ASAP for a spot near you! Register [here](#)

Thursday, September 18, 5-7:15 p.m.

Join Episcopal Divinity School with SUGARCANE directors, Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie for a conversation followed by a screening of their Academy Award nominated documentary. SUGARCANE is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. [To register or find out more visit](#)

SEPT. 19-21 Sun Day

National Campaign Weekend to celebrate clean energy and equitable transition away from fossil fuels. Greenfaith releases OUR TIME TO RISE: Religious Resources for Sun Day - Faiths 4 Climate Justice, a 15 page document designed to equip religious leaders to preach, teach or

speaking publicly about the current state of the climate crisis, the US response, and the role of faith leaders to inspire and mobilize communities to act. [Read More Here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: No Kings Day on Saturday, October 18, the next nationwide day of protest