Actions of the Week:

Important Election Dates to Remember

Early Voting has begun ! October 24–November 1: In-person early voting period.

- **November 3: General Election Day. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

New Voter Resources

What does the Presiding Bishop Say:

NJ State Voting Resources

State Website: https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml

One Stop for everything you need – Register or Find out if you are registered to Vote, Request a Ballot, Track your ballot, Polling Place, apply to be a poll worker, important deadlines, FAQ

Vote Faithfully from The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, a list of engagement resources, including prayers, music, conversation starters and **a message from our Bishop Sean Rowe about the importance of voting.**

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/who-we-are/ministries/office-of-government-relations/election-engagement/

Ongoing

Can't go to Delaney Hall on a Sunday?

Visitor Support at Delaney Hall

New: The Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Newark & the Delaney Hall Ministry ask for your help in providing for the needs of 100+ families that visit their detained family member each weekend. Often the detainee is their family's breadwinner, throwing their family into deeper insecurity. We are beginning to collect much needed items that can be dropped off (for now) at two drop-off locations:

- St. James Episcopal Church, 581 Valley Road, Upper Montclair
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes

Shelf Stable grocery items, shoelaces, new blankets (the weather is turning colder particularly at night. Land's End has a sale on fleece stadium blankets for $9.58.

Shoprite Gift Card Collection – Bring $25 gift cards. You can also bring cards to Convention (Nov13-14) and drop them off at the Prison Ministry table.

Finally, detainees who are able to show that they are in legal proceedings to regularize their immigration status are able to pay a bond for their release from detention. (We have met many such people, who should not have been detained in the first place). Two organizations that are collecting **funds to pay bonds** for detainees at Delaney Hall are Soma Community Cares and Envision Freedom.

This Month

Tuesday, October 27, 1:00 -1:30 pm

Episcopal Church Immigration

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 and how Episcopal churches and communities are responding. Spanish interpretation is available. Register here.

Tuesday, October 27, 4-6, and subsequent Tuesdays and Fridays
Wanaque4Democracy Rally
Rally behind resistance to authoritarianism. Ringwood and Union Ave, Wanaque, NJ
supplied when you register here.

Wednesday, October 28, 3 p.m. ET
Creation Care
Join these monthly calls (fourth Wednesday) to hear from The Episcopal Church's public witness and mission program teams, as well as voices from across the church, on issues related to care of creation. Spanish interpretation is available. **Register here.**

Wednesday, October 28, 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.

Wednesday, October 28, 6 pm
Freedom Church of the Poor **Bible Study Wednesdays**
The Freedom Church of the Poor is a spiritual and political home for movement leaders. We believe in the fundamental dignity and value of all life and in a world of abundance where all can thrive zoom Link

Thursday, October 29, 11:00 a.m. ET
Power Dynamics & Challenging Ecclesiologies
What happens when a familiar Gospel story is read through the lens of territories that have known empire? Join this webinar sponsored by Episcopal Divinity School exploring John 2:1–11 (the Wedding at Cana) from South African Black Theology and Latin American Liberation Theologies. Together, we'll look closely at the dynamics of the text: Who sees the lack? Who gives the instruction? Who fills the jars, and who alone knows where the wine came from? This event will be simultaneously interpreted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Recordings in each language will be made available after the event to all registered attendees. Register

Thursday October 29, 1-1:30 pm
Episcopal Public Policy Network/Office of Government Relations weekly briefings
Join this weekly 30-minute briefing with Office of Government Relations staff, who provide an overview of the political environment and legislative outlook, offer advocacy tips, and answer questions. **Register here**.

Thursday, October 29, 8-9 pm
Know Your Federal Voting Rights / Conozca sus derechos electorales federales

The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and we'll always work to protect it for every eligible American. Join our Know Your Federal Voting Rights Training to learn what you can do to fight disinformation and understand what voter intimidation looks like in your community. Live captioning, ASL interpretation, Spanish interpretation. Register

Sunday, November 1, 3:00 pm
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 first Sunday and the 4th Sunday at 3:00 pm. Collect gift cards to support family members (supermarket, uber, visa) are welcome. Reach out to Nancy MacDonald macdonald623@aol.com or Rev. Miguel Hernandez miguel_h92@yahoo.com to get involved.

Sunday, November 1, 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, November 1, 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, November 2, and subsequent Mondays, 4:30-5:30
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, November 2, 8 pm (first Monday)
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Tuesday, November 3, Election Day !
VOTE - NJ State Voting Resources
State Website: https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml

Election Day Prayer Services
National Cathedral – Live Stream
(Morning, Noon, Evening, Compline
https://cathedral.org/worship/election/

Wednesday, November 4
National Cathedral – Live Stream
A Service of Unity and Hope after an Election will be offered at 12 pm eastern.

Wednesday, November 4, 1-2:00pm (and every first Wednesday)
Companions in Mission monthly calls

"The Current state of Christians in the Middle East"
Join this call to hear from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop Sean Semple of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf about the current state of Christians in the Middle East and what life was like in the region before and since Oct. 7, 2023. These calls, on the first Wednesday of each quarter, feature Episcopal Church Center staff, Anglican Communion speakers, foreign policy experts, global mission practitioners, and others about work going on around the communion and in Episcopal dioceses. Spanish interpretation is available. **Register here**.

Thursday, November 5, 1:30-2:30
Vote Faithfully
First Thursday of each month through November, **The Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team will host a series of "Vote Faithfully" calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.** During the calls, hosts will share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan. Register

Wednesday, November 11, 3:00 – 4:00 pm (and every second Wednesday
Racial Justice Leadership Circle
This monthly racial justice webinar, hosted by the Rev. Miguel Bustos, senior manager for mission program and equity integration, spotlights diocesan initiatives, racial justice strategies, and community partnerships, with different guests and themes each month. These webinars are designed for racial justice leaders to learn models and practices as well as for support and connection. Register

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 (second Thursdays)
Creation Care Deep Dive
Guest: Rev. Derrick Weston, Director of Theological Education and Formation, is a writer, filmmaker, podcaster, speaker, and educator whose most recent work has focused on the intersection of food and faith. Episcopal Creation Care Gathering Network is a churchwide network of those interested and committed to the work of Christian ministry with an emphasis on care of Creation. https://episcopalcreationcaregathering.org/eccg-network-deep-dives/

Sunday, November 15, 4 pm – 6 pm
Film Screening: Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy
Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
21 Normandy Heights Rd
Morristown, NJ 07960
Register

Monday, November 16, 8 pm
Join other members of Episcopal eco-region networks for a monthly Zoom class using The Episcopal Church's "**Love God, Love God's World**" creation care curriculum. Rooted in love, compassion, and justice, this film- and readings-based small-group curriculum looks at many facets of environmental stewardship and justice. It is designed for people new to the topic of creation care as well as those already active in these practices. **Subsequent meetings are on the third Monday of the month**. Register

Tuesday, November 17, 9:30-12:30
Understanding Implicit Bias
This interactive, virtual training will introduce participants to the concept of implicit bias. Participants will consider how implicit bias manifests interpersonally and systemically and explore strategies to address implicit bias. Participants will also learn about the NJ Law Against Discrimination and how it protects individuals from discrimination and bias-based harassment in the workplace, housing, and public accommodations.
https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/dcr-resources/civil-rights-trainings/

Thursday, November 19, 9:30-11:30
Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions
Microaggressions are subtle acts of exclusion that many people routinely experience and struggle to address. This interactive, virtual training will explore the ways that microaggressions manifest in our daily lives and impact our relationships with others. Through examples and discussion, participants will deepen their understanding of microaggressions and investigate effective strategies for responding to microaggressions that they experience and commit. Participants will also learn about the NJ Law Against Discrimination and how microaggressions can contribute to hostile environment harassment and disparate treatment. This deeper dive into the topic of microaggressions requires a basic understanding of implicit bias.
https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/dcr-resources/civil-rights-trainings/

Thursday, November 19, 2:30-4:00 pm
What if We All Knew Our Gifts and Gave Them to the Earth?
How Robin Wall Kimmerer's newest initiative, Plant Baby Plant, is seeding a movement of reciprocal restoration: as we heal the land, we heal ourselves. Join Brian Ratcliffe, Executive Director of Plant Baby Plant on Zoom for a timely conversation that expands on founder Robin Wall Kimmerer's (**award-winning author of Braiding Sweetgrass** and The Serviceberry) Indigenous teachings that "all flourishing is mutual." Plant Baby Plant offers resources and a community where people are invited to find their gifts and give them to the Earth. Register

Sunday, November 22, 3:00 pm
Delaney Hall
On the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 PM, our diocese will hold a brief prayer vigil outside the Delaney Hall ICE detention facility. If you are not able to join us in person, we will do our best to live stream the vigil to the diocesan **Facebook page**. You can also pray at the same time from wherever you are, in solidarity with us. For more information visit https://dioceseofnewark.org/monthly-prayer-vigil-at-delaney-hall/