MA Episcopal Network for the Poor People's Campaign

1st Week of July 2025 Newsletter

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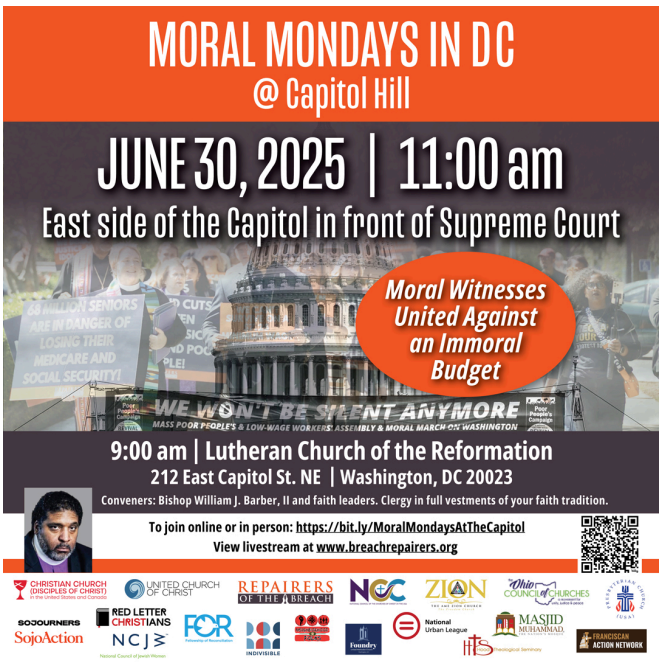
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EVENTS

Ongoing: Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul offers a daily Morning Prayer by conference call. Dial: 716-427-1337 when prompted, enter passcode 945309#. To participate use a hardcopy of the Book of Common Prayer, or go to bcponline.org. See the Cathedral calendar here.

June 30:



Moral Mondays in DC

🕗 Morning Gathering:
9:00 AM at Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC

✊🏾 Public Witness Action:
11:00 AM on the East side of the Capitol in front of the Supreme Court

To join in person or online:
👉 https://bit.ly/MoralMondaysAtTheCapitol

📺 Livestream: www.breachrepairers.org

June 30:
"**U.S. Strikes on Iran: The Role of Religion in Global Conflict**" - 1pm. Episcopal Divinity School hosts a webinar exploring the religious influences behind the headlines and reflect on the role of faith communities amid global conflict. Details and register here.

July1:
Call Congress with the Poor People's Campaign! The US Congress is attempting to make cuts that will hurt poor and directly-impacted people first and worst. Join us to break the silence and make calls to ensure that our elected leaders hear directly from poor and low-wage communities, faith leaders, and advocates about the issues impacting us most. We demand a moral budget, and not a death-dealing scheme! Call training and info on zoom at 2pm. Sign up here.

July 1:
Episcopal Church Immigration Updates. 1-1:30 p.m. ET every Tuesday. 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.

July 1:
Emergent Action Network Monthly Online Gathering - 6:00pm - 7:15pm EST online. Register Here. Episcopal City Mission invites you to our next Emergent Action Network gathering—an online space where Episcopal churches and individuals across Massachusetts come together to take faithful, grounded action in response to the urgent challenges facing our communities. Each month will focus on a different justice issue, offering:
✨ Spiritually rooted reflection
🛠️ Practical, accessible ways to act
📣 Leadership and insight from BIPOC-led grassroots movements.
This month: **Threats to Healthcare Access: Some People Targeted - Everyone Impacted** *Supporting Access for Transgender, Unhoused, Disabled Communities and Reproductive Care***.** Register Here

July 2:
We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign book study, Wednesdays, 9-10 am**. Click here** for the Zoom link.

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Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm in New Bedford. **Mass Council of Churches is helping to organize local vigils of prayer and song:** making support for immigrants visible through regular weekly prayer vigils in majority immigrant neighborhoods. More locations to be added soon.

For more information contact: tina@masscouncilofchurches.org.

Alternating locations each week: South End, Thomas Lopes City Park - July 9, July 23, and so on; North End, Nye Street Pocket Park - June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30 and so on.

July 3:

Churches for Middle East Peace weekly calls on Holy Land conflict. Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. ET. 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. Learn more and register.

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July 7:



MORAL MONDAY DC

📍 11:00 AM – East Side of the Capitol, in front of the Supreme Court

🕘 9:00 AM – Gather at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A Street SE

📥 Join Online or In Person

📹 Watch the livestream at www.breachrepairers.org

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July 9:
Episcopal Divinity School will host a screening of **Religion, Racism & Reconciliation: A Documentary on America's Original Sin** on Wednesday, July 9 at 7pm Eastern / 4pm Pacific. The film run time is 1 hour and 32 minutes and the screening will be preceded by a 20 minute conversation with the film's directors, Gerald and Adam Krell. Details and register here.

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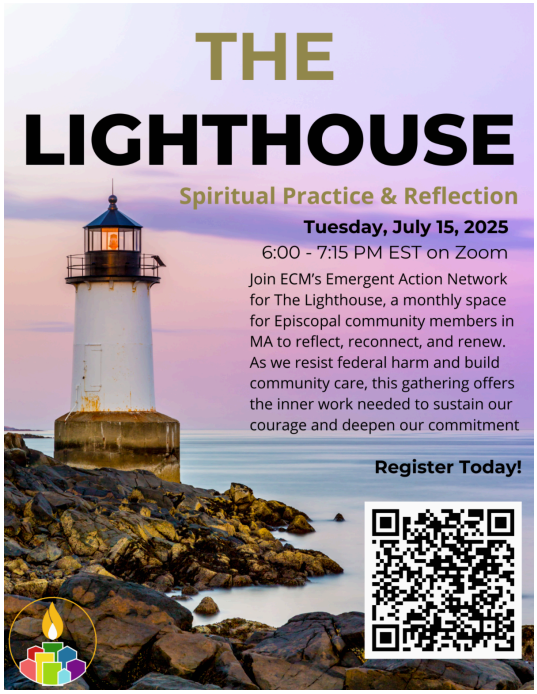
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Thursday, July 24: Rights, Resources and Benefits for Immigrants
Thursday, August 7: Immigration Policy Updates and the Work Ahead
Thursday, August 21: How You Can Be an Immigrant Advocate

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July 13:
Concert and info session on RIA featuring Rachel Marie, a local singer-songwriter with a beautiful voice and a big heart. RIA is a nonprofit organization that stands with and supports people with experience in the commercial sex trade and its associated exploitation, trafficking and prostitution. Sunday, July 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 39 E. Central St., Natick. Parking is free in the lot next to the church. Contact Dan Fields (dfields820@gmail.com) for more info and how to support RIA.

July 15:



The Lighthouse
Spiritual Practice & Reflection

Tuesday, July 15, 6-7:15 pm, on zoom

Episcopal City Mission's Emergent Action Network for The Lighthouse, a monthly space for Episcopal Community members in Massachusetts to reflect, reconnect, and renew. As we resist federal harm and build community care, the gathering offers the inner work needed to sustain our courage and deepen our commitment.

Register Here.

July 15:
Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts is hosting two Summer Reading Author Events. The first is The Asylum Seekers by the Rev. Christina Rathbone on July 15 at 6pm on Zoom. Join author, Cristina Rathbone, for a discussion of her most recent book. The Asylum Seekers offers a rare narrative account of the horror of the US-Mexico border. Borders run through author Cristina Rathbone too, whose mother was a Cuban refugee. So in 2019 she travels to Juarez, unsure what to do but determined to learn. The conversation will be hosted by the Rev. Tim Crellin. Register for the Zoom here.

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Episcopal Parish Network webinar - **Sudan: A Nation in Crisis - Examining the Global Inaction.** Tuesday, July 15 at 3:00pm. Details and register here.

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July 17:
Join MIRA's volunteer community in its third month of training. Learn about the legislative advocacy and what is coming next for the Protecting Our Immigrant Communities - POIC campaign". Training at 7pm on zoom. Register here.

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July 18:
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July 21:
Indivisible launched its **Solidarity in Action: Training for Systemic Change and Allyship series** in June with Heather McGhee. Join them on July 21 at 7pm for the next session, **"Messaging for Solidarity with Anat Shenker-Osorio".** Details and register here. See the full series info here.

July 24:
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July 26:
The Six Principles & Six Steps of Kingian Nonviolence - Online Training. Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM ET (on zoom). Hosted by the Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ, and facilitated by Shane Lee of the Nonviolence Institute.. During this 3-hour workshop, participants will: Learn the six principles and six steps; Practice explaining and giving examples for each; Explore and challenge their relevance in today's world; Imagine ways to practically apply them in their personal and professional life; Consider how the implications of them would affect organizational policy and culture. Learn more and register here.

August 3:
Prayers for Liberty will be gathering interfaith communities for #PrayersForLiberty vigils in Lexington, Arlington, Cambridge and Boston on Sunday, August 3rd at 3:00 pm. All are welcome! Mass Council of Churches encourages those who live far from the above-mentioned towns to organize your own interfaith vigil on August 3rd at 3:00pm (it doesn't have to be big!). MCC will be sending downloadable, #PrayersForLiberty materials to print and post and sample liturgies of prayer for your use in the next two weeks. https://www.masscouncilofchurches.org/

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September 1:
Prayers for Liberty. The group marched from Lexington Green to Boston Common on May 30, and it will march again on Sept. 1. This time, the group is inviting as many lay people as possible to join clergy for all or part of the walk from Lexington to Boston. The walk will take place on Labor Day, September 1st, from 9:00 - 5:00. (A lot of effort for a day traditionally spent holidaying, we know, but we believe the times demand at least this of us.) More info to come, but please plan on joining us and start spreading the word far and wide.
https://www.masscouncilofchurches.org/

October 13:
From the Diocese of Western Massachusetts' Social Justice Commission: Indigenous People's Day Deer Island Pilgrimage. Join us this fall as we mark the beginning of the 350th anniversary of Metacomet's Rebellion (King Philip's War) with a pilgrimage on Monday, October 13, to Deer Island, MA – the internment site where hundreds of Native people from the "praying towns" died from exposure and starvation in the winter of 1675 - 1676. This spiritual experience of place, presence and reflection will be guided by Native neighbors, supported by Episcopal congregations and include the bishops of both dioceses. More information about preparation for the pilgrimage, congregational witness on October 12 and registration for the buses will be shared in the months ahead. SAVE THE DATE!

WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

- **New Post! Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer.** The Cathedral Church of St. Paul offers a daily Morning Prayer by conference call. Dial: 716-427-1337 when prompted, enter passcode 945309#. To participate use a hardcopy of the Book of Common Prayer, or go to bcponline.org. See the Cathedral calendar here.

- **The Episcopal Street Action Handbook for protesting faithfully.** This resource—produced and adapted by The Episcopal Church's reconciliation and creation care team in collaboration with others—is designed for faith leaders who will be involved in protests and providing spiritual care in the context of nonviolent direct action. Download handbook here.

- **Weekly Prayers for Public Policy and Witness.** Join us in these weekly prayers, as we seek God's guidance to ground us and to discern how each of us can respond. We are one church united in prayer; we name truth in the face of lies; we create space for grief in the face of denial; and we free space in our souls for hope. Join in prayer and share them with your dioceses and parishes. Weekly updates on Facebook or sign up for weekly emails here.

- **Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors:**

    - Episcopal City Mission is seeking attorneys (active or retired), paralegals, and multilingual volunteers (Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole) to support pro bono asylum cases through our partnership with De Novo Center for Justice and Healing. No immigration experience is required—just a willingness to dedicate 5–10 hours a week and compassion for those navigating the asylum process. Volunteers will assist with legal research, interviews, and drafting affidavits under the guidance of professional immigration attorneys. If you or someone in your congregation is interested, click here to learn more and get involved.

    - Help Massachusetts immigrant families get the legal support they deserve! Episcopal City Mission is connecting churches ready to act with immigrant-led organizations like the ACE Center for New Americans, which urgently needs funds to represent families facing deportation. Whether your parish has direct ties to immigrant communities or simply wants to help, there's a way to make a difference:
        - To fundraise as a church click here.
        - To donate as an individual click here.
        - If you are currently fundraising for a legal case and would like to partner with other churches email us at **info@ecmteam.us**

    - **Trinity Church in Haverill.** Bi-lingual congregation led by Rev. Jaqueline Clark. Priest-in-charge@trinityhaverill.org. Donations to provide legal support, diapers, groceries, and rent. Volunteering to run errands with and for immigrants in community.

- **A Center for New Americans.** https://cnam.org/. Organized by immigrants, serving western Massachusetts, English classes, legal services, citizenship support. Donations and volunteer opportunities.

- **LUCE.** Immigrant Justice Network. https://www.lucemass.org/. Organized by immigrants, offers hotline for those spotting ICE, volunteering and donation opportunities for ICE Watch and Hotline.

- **MIRA.** Mass Immigrant & Refugee Coalition. https://miracoalition.org/. Immigrant help line, legal services, assistance services. Volunteer opportunities

- **BIJAN.** Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network. List of Volunteer Needs **and** Sign Up on Their Form

- **Congregational Immigrant Justice Guide** from our friends at UU Mass Action.

- **Sample Protocols and signage** for if ICE shows up at your place of worship.

- **"Know Your Rights" Cards** in 16 languages. Information on how to print and distribute.

- **Episcopal City Mission** is hearing from an eclectic group of Massachusetts Episcopal Churches all expressing concern about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and access to legal services for people seeking asylum and other immigrants - even those with a legal status that previously seemed enough to protect them. ECM is working to identify churches that want to fundraise for immigration legal fees and connect them to fundraising efforts at churches that are supporting their own people and partners with these legal fees.Read more here about doing fundraising at your church. Make an individual donation to ACE Center for New Americans: Donate here. (Please select "In Honor Of" and write "Episcopal City Mission" so we can track our total impact.)

- **Order a Know your Rights Posters for Churches.** If you'd like to preorder a Know Your Rights poster for your church with the Holy Family on it, sign up at the link. If you need to order more red Know Your Rights cards, click here. For more information about how to support our immigrant neighbors, contact Rev. Cristina Rathbone, MCC Congregational Coordinator, at tina@masscouncilofchurches.org.

- The **Episcopal Public Policy Network** offers these Action Alerts as a way to contact your members of Congress:
  - Advocate For Refugees
  - Oppose Mass Deportations
  - Protect Dreamers
  - Say "No" to Expanding Detention

- **Episcopal Church Immigration Action Toolkit for dioceses, churches, and individuals**. Amid executive orders on mass deportation and the halting of new

refugee resettlement, many are asking how to respond in support of our immigrant and refugee neighbors. The Episcopal Church offers advocacy tools, links to upcoming webinars, ways to help, and more in the Immigration Action Toolkit. Resources are available in Spanish where indicated.

- Join **Episcopal City Mission (ECM)'s Emergent Action Network**. Episcopal City Mission has created a network for spiritual practice, collective action, and the coordination of Episcopal parishes across Massachusetts to strengthen our capacity for resistance and building alternatives in the face of rising autocracy and targeting of immigrants and communities of color. Read more here and sign up for the list, https://www.episcopalcitymission.org/emergent-action-network. There are monthly gatherings on zoom, and by signing up you will receive updates about initiatives, protests, and urgent action requests throughout Massachusetts focused on immigration, food insecurity, housing justice, and democracy. For any further information: hannah@ecmteam.us.

- **Oppose Extreme Tax Cuts! Episcopal Church Action Alert!** Congress is attempting to extend tax cuts first enacted in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. These tax cuts benefited the wealthiest Americans, and current proposals would pay for tax breaks by cutting programs such as Medicaid and food assistance that protect the most vulnerable. As a church, our priority is to center those at the margins of society, including by supporting a tax code that reduces economic disparities. Read more and take action here.

- The Episcopal Church Pride Month Resources. Find special resources, including a downloadable Pride shield (pictured above), customizable 30- and 60-second videos highlighting the church's LGBTQ+ advocacy and support, social media graphics, and more. Check listings for available languages.

- Join the **Poor People's Campaign to Call Congress to Demand a Moral Budget!** Join the PPC for its Breaking the Silence: We Demand a Moral Budget! National Call-In Program. See events listings for date, times, and zoom registration links.

- See and sign up for Action Alerts from the **Episcopal Public Policy Network**.

- **The Cathedral Church of St. Paul** hosts many organizations, including this network and the MAPPC, for free. Help support the Cathedral's work here.

- **Support the Poor People's Campaign!** You can donate to the Massachusetts PPC here.

- **New! Support Episcopal City Mission.** Your support at this time is critical to the ongoing support of those most impacted by the current administration and by systemic injustices. It is also important for the mobilization of Episcopal communities to work toward reparative justice. Please join us by contributing your time and any by donating a financial gift! Help us reach our goal of $130,000. Together, we will follow the God of liberation who urges us to join her for the sake of love and solidarity. Donate Here.

- **Support the Massachusetts Council of Churches.** The Massachusetts Council of Churches is a network of individuals, congregations and denominations convinced that what binds us together in Christ is stronger than what divides us. Both the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts are members. You can learn more and support the MCC here.

- **Sign up to get news and info about actions** directly from the Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign. You will also receive news from the national campaign. Sign up HERE.

- **The MANNA Community** at the Cathedral always is in need of items. You can purchase items via MANNA's Amazon Wish List. **Click here!**

- **St. Stephen's Youth Programs** organizes and runs anti-violence, educational, and community support programs in our diocese, including B-Peace and B-Safe. Support the work of SSYP by Donating HERE. Learn more about SSYP by visiting https://www.ssypboston.org/. Read the SSYP Impact Report here. LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT?
    - **In Kind Donations**
    - **Donate Online**
    - **Volunteer**
    - **Share**

IN THE NEWS

New This Week:

- ICYMI - Indivisible Solidarity in Action Speaker Series Kick-Off "Training for Systemic Change and Allyship with Heather McGee
- Emmanuel Church Boston receives a UTO Grant
- A message to The Episcopal Church from Executive Council: June 2025 (statements from Presiding Bishop and House of Deputies)
- Navajoland officially becomes missionary diocese with Executive Council vote on constitution – Episcopal News Service
- View Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)'s Good News blog here
- View MIRA's policy updates page here
- A Salem church leads charge to wean downtown off fossil fuels and lower electricity bills. Needed: cash to build. - The Boston Globe
- In L.A., Protesters Practice the Politics of Jesus - Sojourners
- Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers
- RIP: The Ven. J. Stannard Baker, deacon and pioneer for LGBTQ+ rights, dies at 79
- TransEpiscopal releases statement on Supreme Court ruling upholding ban on gender-affirming care – Episcopal News Service
- West Tennessee, ELCA Synod express support for trans youth after SCOTUS ruling denies gender-affirming care
- San Diego bishop joins Catholic-led gathering at federal courthouse on World Refugee Day – Episcopal News Service
- The Rev. Jason Shank named as Episcopal Church interim church planting strategist
- Toxic Taps: The Health Crisis Flowing Through America's Pipes
- Walter Brueggemann: Jesus Acted Out the Alternative to Empire | Sojourners
- White Congregations Can't Do Justice Without Following Black Leaders - Sojourners

ICYMI: News From Last Week's Edition:

- Massachusetts bishops issue statement in support of state's Indigenous legislative agenda – Episcopal News Service

- Joint statement from Bishops Whitworth and Fisher in support of MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda

- **ICYMI - The Turquoise Witness Podcast**. In this powerful two-part conversation, host Chelsi Glascoe and Dr. Catherine Meeks sit down with Episcopal priest and journalist Rev. Cristina Rathbone, author of **The Asylum Seekers**, to explore the human stories behind immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border. Rathbone shares her personal journey from Boston to Juárez, Mexico, where she lived among asylum seekers and witnessed firsthand their resilience, faith, and self-organized community. Together, they unpack how storytelling, spiritual maturity, and compassion—not politics—can transform hearts and drive justice. Listen Here.

- One in three Massachusetts families don't have enough to eat, study finds - The Boston Globe

- Speaking from the Margins - New Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) Substack and 1st Article. "EDS has chosen the name "Margins" for our new Substack because our prophetic stance stands at the edges of power and privilege. Innovative and transformative ministries often occur not at the seat of power but at the margins and borderland. They are the places where Jesus carried out his ministry and offered an alternative vision for society. EDS's Margins seeks to provide a space for voices often overlooked yet critical to understanding faith and justice … At a time like ours, it is critical to have EDS's prophetic voices speak, for we stand for anti-racism, justice, compassion, and reconciliation. We must conjure an alternative world in which freedom rings. Our teacher and colleague Canon Ed Rodman used to say, "Let us not be the instrument of our own oppression.""

- Charleston's historically Black churches to celebrate Juneteenth amid 10-year remembrance of AME church shooting – Episcopal News Service

- Utah cathedral opened its doors to shelter 'No Kings' rally protesters as shots rang out – Episcopal News Service

- Minnesota bishop calls for nonviolence in response to Saturday's shootings of state Democratic lawmakers, spouses – Episcopal News Service

- TransEpiscopal releases statement on Supreme Court ruling upholding ban on gender-affirming care – Episcopal News Service

- The Rev. Shaneequa Brokenleg named interim Indigenous missioner for The Episcopal Church

- Virginia Theological Seminary launches 'Have Mercy' resource for faith leaders – Episcopal News Service

RESOURCES

MAPPCEN Info:

- Email - MAPPCEN@gmail.com
- Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/MAPPCEN - Please follow, like and share!
- Network Website
- Google Calendar - MAPPC EN Google Calendar. This lists justice events going on across the state and online with links to more info. If you have events to add, please email us at MAPPCEN@gmail.com.

Episcopal Diocese of MA:

- Diocesan Convention 2022 | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts - Resolution to support the Poor People's Campaign
- Diocese of Massachusetts Mission Strategy 2021.pdf
- Letter from the Bishops on the Poor People's Campaign

The Episcopal Church and the Poor People's Campaign:

- The Episcopal Church and the Poor People's Campaign
- 2018 Executive Council Resolution Endorsing the PPC

Poor People's Campaign

- Website: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org
- Social Media Info:
  - MAPPC: Facebook @emappc, Instagram @ma_poorpeoplescampaign, X @MA_PPC, and New! on BlueSky @ma-ppc.bsky.social
  - National PPC: Facebook @anewppc, Instagram @poorpeoplescampaign, X @UniteThePoor, and New! on BlueSky @UniteThePoor.bsky.social

The Kairos Center:

- A Matter of Survival: Organizing to Meet Unmet Needs and Build Power in Times of Crisis - a report.
- Kairos Center 2024 Year in Review
- Preachers and Teachers Bureau

- Join the **Freedom Church of the Poor**, Sunday nights at 6 pm, on the Kairos Center Facebook page. The Freedom Church of the Poor grew out of the Reading the Bible with the Poor Cohort at Kairos and is led by many of the cohort's members. Learn more here.

Repairers of the Breach:

- 10 Takeaways From New Report, "The High Moral Stakes: Our Budget, Our Future"
- Prophetic Council

Church Resources:

- Episcopal churches and communities across the Northeast confronting their historical involvement in the slave economy. **Parish Histories — Church Reparations**
- Pride Month Resources
- **FAQ regarding Episcopal Migration Ministries**. Visit **this page** for more information about why The Episcopal Church is ending its work as a federally funded refugee resettlement agency—and what the church's work with migrants and refugees will look like moving forward. *(In English and Spanish)*
- **MA Council of Churches: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING FOR CLERGY**. Did you miss the "Know Your Rights" training for Massachusetts religious leaders on Tuesday January 28, 2025, presented by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the Office of Immigrants and Refugees, hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston and the Massachusetts Council of Churches.
    - You can watch it online on YouTube, and see all of our resources for welcoming new neighbors here.
    - The Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ has gathered an excellent resource page here, including a sample policy for how a church can handle ICE presence.
    - The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office offers a dedicated page with regularly updated information about immigration rights.
    - The Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General has issued guidance for providers here.
    - The Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition has Know Your Rights handouts in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Kreyol.
- Interreligious Relations – The Episcopal Church
- ICE Protocols for Churches — Episcopal City Mission
- When ICE Comes to Church: Faithful Resistance and Legal Protections - Episcopal Divinity School
- Episcopal Church Immigration Action Toolkit for dioceses, churches, and individuals. Amid executive orders on mass deportation and the halting of new refugee resettlement, many are asking how to respond in support of our immigrant and refugee neighbors. The Episcopal Church offers advocacy tools, links to upcoming webinars,

ways to help, and more in the Immigration Action Toolkit. Resources are available in Spanish where indicated.

- **Resources for the Conflict in the Holy Land**
- The diocesan **Racial Justice Commission** has collected several **liturgical resources** for Indigenous Peoples' Day and other occasions, along with **recommendations and resources on land acknowledgements**. All are available on the diocesan website here.
- To subscribe or sign up for specific ministry news, see the forms link on the **ministry webpages** (where offered).
- The Episcopal Church ministry pages for:
  - Racial Reconciliation & Justice
  - Creation Care
  - Social Justice and Advocacy Engagement
  - Election Engagement
  - Office Government Relations
  - Domestic Poverty
  - Evangelism
  - Episcopal Migration Ministries
  - Indigenous Ministries

Podcasts:

- New! Crossroads from Washington National Cathedral. A new podcast from Washington National Cathedral, exploring the intersection of sacred and civic.Listen on Apple Podcasts.
- New! **The State Of Belief -** Interfaith Alliance. Every week, Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush hosts lively, funny and poignant conversations with inspiring religious and civic leaders; as well as artists and activists from across the country. Listeners get a potent mix of spiritual wisdom, political strategy, and hopeful commentary from national and local leaders who are rising up to meet this urgent moment in America. With the tagline: "Where Religion and Democracy Meet," State of Belief is a celebration of our nation's diversities and an invitation to join together to, in the words of the great James Baldwin, "achieve our country." Listen on Apple Podcasts.
- **'Good News and Gratitude' podcast: New episode: Meditation: Emmanuel, God with Us.** In its inaugural season, this podcast from the United Thank Offering—hosted by the Rev. Erin Jean Warde—explores the messages of gratitude and good news found in Scripture and the world around us, as well as through the wisdom of guests and personal spiritual practices.
- **Gender Justice Jam** is a podcast too! You can find it on Apple and Spotify.
- For Such A Time As This: Liberating Theological Education from Episcopal Divinity School. In this five-part podcast series, EDS President and Dean Lydia Kelsey Bucklin speaks with theologians and church leaders committed to theological education that embodies, enacts, and exemplifies transformative theological praxis as we educate and form leaders for social change. Read more and find episodes here.

- **‘Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community’**
  “Prophetic Voices” is hosted by the Rev. Isaiah “Shaneequa” Brokenleg, The Episcopal Church’s staff officer for racial reconciliation. For more information on Becoming Beloved Community, visit **iam.ec/becomingbelovedcommunity**.
- ***‘The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry’***
  This podcast offers ways to engage with the Way of Love, The Episcopal Church’s intentional commitment to practicing faith by following Jesus. Hear stories and get practical advice from Bishop Michael Curry and others who are putting the Way of Love practices (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest) into action.
- ***‘Episco-Pols’*** Designed to inform and inspire, “Episco-pols” launched in mid-March and can be subscribed to via any podcast platform. In the pilot season, church advisors for international, domestic, and environmental policy will tackle frequently asked questions about church engagement with the government and offer action steps. From The Episcopal Church **Office of Government Relations**.
- *It's Kairos Time!* features conversations with key partners, collaborators, and movement builders highlighting a variety of interconnected topics from rejecting religions of empire, to exploring the intersection of militarism and ecological devastation, to lifting up disability rights and healthcare as a human right. Our video series and now podcast pairs unlikely guests across historic lines of division and/or seemingly siloed topics with the aim of exposing the root of the problem, injustice. From the Kairos Center.
- Everything Belongs Podcast. Join Richard Rohr, CAC staff, teachers, and guests on a journey through Fr. Richard’s foundational teachings on contemplative Christianity. Discover how to embody this wisdom in our daily lives, co-creating a world where everything and everyone belongs.
- **Climate Changed podcast**. The BTS Center’s podcast, *Climate Changed,* is about spiritual leadership in a climate-changed world. For more information and to listen, visit here. You can also download a discussion guide for groups.

ABOUT THIS NETWORK

The MA Episcopal Network for the Poor People's Campaign was created in 2022 to: 1) Connect Episcopalians in the state to the PPC movement; and 2) Foster a supportive community among those doing justice work in the Dioceses of Massachusetts. Visit us online or on FaceBook @MAPPCEN.

We continue to:

- Send out a **weekly newsletter** with info on future events. If you have info to include, please submit it to us by the 1st Friday of the month.
- Host a study for **We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign** on Wednesdays at 9am. The Zoom link is here. Please reply to this email to be on the weekly reminder list. We are also hoping to add a second study day/time. If you are interested in starting a study group, please let us know and we can help.
- Support the MAPPC as an organizing partner.
- Help inform each other about justice work going on here in MA, ways to learn and get involved, and hopefully connect some of our groups. We will, of course, also continue to send out info on the work being done by the Poor People's Campaign.
- Created a spreadsheet that cross references the chapters and scripture in **We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign** and the **lectionary calendar** as a resource for preaching and other conversations. You can access it here: WCJ Rev Comm Lectionary crosswalk.xlsx
- Maintain a MAPPC EN Google Calendar. This lists justice events going on across the state and online with links to more info. A great way to see all the impressive work being done by churches and groups across the state and find ways to get involved. If you have events to add, please email us at MAPPCEN@gmail.com.
- Hold steering team meetings to discern our call and role. If you'd like to join us, please email MAPPCEN@gmail.com. We meet biweekly on Mondays at 12:45pm.
- Click here to read the follow-up communication from our Oct. 21 justice groups gathering and see the outcomes and what our next steps will be.
- You can read archived newsletters here.