



Pennsylvania Council of Churches Ministry of Public Advocacy



News and Action Summary for October 12, 2022

Empowering people of faith to make a difference for the common good!

Please note that the News and Action Summary will be away from October 13 through roughly the end of October.

On September 30 we reported that the Pennsylvania Council of Churches adopted [A Resolution Supporting Reparations for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Pittsburgh](#). We have good news on the [Update on Reparations for Bethel AME Church in Pittsburgh](#)—the congregation is getting its development rights and land back as described in the article. Thanks be to God!



With Election Day just a few weeks away, we encourage you to shift some of your focus to the upcoming election, where it can easily be said that **Democracy is on the ballot**. Our election page at [2022 Midterm Election and Voting](#) has most of the information you will need concerning registration, early voting, finding your polling place, and more. It is updated as additional information, including voting guides, becomes available. New voting guides and information will appear in “News You Can Use” below and added to the election page. Don’t forget to **MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!**

Thank you to all who joined us last week for “Christianity in America: Sacred or Supremacist?” We have a recording available on YouTube, and if you are interested in getting access to the link for yourself or for use in your congregation, we ask for a contribution of \$5, which can be paid at <https://pachurches.org/shop/> (scroll down to “Events”).

We hope you will support this ministry with a generous gift, or even better a monthly gift. You can help us by going to <https://pachurches.org/shop/> where you will find our address and links to make your donation. If you want to support advocacy, scroll down the page to find the links for Public Witness Ministry.

Here’s some “News You Can Use”:

- [PennLive Voters Guide; League of Women Voters Videos on Voting](#)
- [As Fed Pushes to 'Get Wages Down,' Study Shows CEO Pay Has Soared by 1,460% Since 1978](#)
- [Answers to FAQs about Electric Vehicles](#)

Many actions are available, and you can learn more in the articles below.

If you are interested in any programs that would help you to gain greater understanding and ability to be an effective advocate, contact Sandy Strauss at s.strauss@pachurches.org. Please consider a gift to support our **Ministry of Public Witness**. [One of the best ways you can help is to “subscribe” to this \(almost!\) weekly update by making a recurring contribution of \\$5/month or more.](#) Of course, any contribution will be welcomed and appreciated!



To learn about how to keep informed between these updates, go to <http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org>. As usual, we understand that there is a lot of information here and in the links provided for further information. **Please know that you aren't expected to act on everything! Just choose the issues that are most important to you and do something!** Sometimes you will be directed to action pages of other organizations—**don't worry!** These are organizations that we work with regularly and who share a common interest.

Please consider contacting your legislators to thank them when they support your position as well, or to express your disappointment when they don't. We don't follow up with them often enough. They need our feedback to understand how we feel. Go to <https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5415/getLocal4.jsp> to find a summary of your federal and state legislators with basic contact information.

Our [website](#) is updated regularly. If there is something you would really like to see that isn't there, please contact us at s.strauss@pachurches.org.

URGENT ACTIONS

If you don't have time for any other actions, please consider taking action on these issues!

[Tell NOAA to Strengthen Critical Protections for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary](#)—through October 26—**NEW**

[Urge the President to Admit Those Denied Entry Due to Former President's Entry Bans](#)—by 10/29—**NEW**

[Tell the Gubernatorial Candidates to Learn How to Support Children Experiencing Homelessness](#)

NEW ACTIONS

[Tell Congress to Pass a Robust and Progressive Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill](#)—**NEW**

[Tell Congress to Provide Permanent Protections for DACA Recipients Before the End of 2022](#)—**NEW**

[Urge the President to Take Bold Climate Action at COP27](#)—**NEW**

[Tell Our Senators to Pass the STREAM Act and Clean Up Acid Mine Drainage](#)—**NEW**

[Faith Leader Letter: Ask President Biden to Strengthen Marine Sanctuaries](#)—**NEW**

[Sign Petition: Urge the DRBC to Enact Full Fracking Ban](#)—**NEW**

[Tell Your PA Senator to Oppose "Back to Basics in Education" Bill](#)—**NEW**

[Tell the PA General Assembly to Empower Communities to Take Action on Gun Violence](#)—**NEW**

[Tell the President to Raise the Overtime Salary Threshold So Millions Receive the Overtime Pay They Deserve](#)—**NEW**

[Tell Our Senators to Support Legislation to Remove ERA Ratification Timeline](#)—**NEW**

[Tell Congress to Pass the Equality Act](#)—**NEW**

ONGOING ACTIONS

[Sign Petition Opposing Sweeping Bill of Proposed Constitutional Amendments](#)

[Tell Congress to Act Now to Fix Our Nation's Childcare Crisis](#)

[Tell EPA to Finalize the Strongest Air Pollution Standards Possible](#)

[Urge Your US Representative to Co-Sponsor the Environmental Justice for All Act](#)

[Ask Your PA Senator to Take Action on Prescription Drug Prices](#)

[**Tell Congress to Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap and Extend ACA Subsidies to Protect Poor Neighbors**](#)

[**Tell Congress That People Seeking Asylum Deserve a Welcome with Dignity**](#)

[**Urge Congress to Set 200K Refugee Admissions Goal for FY 2023**](#)

[**Berks Reopens as Immigrant Women's Prison—Urge Shutdown Now**](#)

[**Tell Your PA Lawmakers to Oppose Permitless Concealed Carry**](#)

[**Time to Push for Extreme Risk Protection Orders in Pennsylvania**](#)

[**Tell Our Senators We Need a Federal Assault Weapons Ban**](#)

[**Sign Now to Tell Congress to Pass the DISCLOSE Act and Overturn Citizens United**](#)

[**Urge the President to Take Major Action to Protect Voting Rights and Our Democracy**](#)

[**Tell PA Elected Officials to Pass Precanvassing in Pennsylvania**](#)

[**Please Sign the Repeal Closed Ballots Petition**](#)

IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE NEWS!

[**So Much Happening: Here's How You Can Keep Informed Between Updates**](#)

[**Summary of All News Posts Since Previous Update**](#)

[**As Fed Pushes to 'Get Wages Down,' Study Shows CEO Pay Has Soared by 1,460% Since 1978**](#)

[**5th Circuit Ruling Keeps DACA for Now; Fight Continues for Citizenship**](#)

[**PA Pandemic Toll on Children Shows Progress, Racial Disparity and Recommendations**](#)

[**Answers to FAQs about Electric Vehicles**](#)

[**Apply for the Cool Congregations Challenge**](#)—deadline December 15

[**The Sentencing Project Seeks Second Look Network Director**](#)—deadline November 4

EVENTS

For a full monthly calendar of events, see the Events page at <http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org/events/>.

For a listing with descriptions of events, go to <http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org/events/list/>.

For general information about our calendar, links to ongoing events, and how to submit events, go to <http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org/events/about-our-calendar/>.

Ongoing/upcoming events:

[**Caring for Creation with PA IPL**](#)—First Fridays, October 2022-June 2023

[**Freedom Express Bus Tour**](#)—October 18-November 4

[**Election Day: Voting is Imperative**](#)—September 13 through Election Day

[**Moral Mondays—Sign Up for Notifications**](#)

[**Freedom Church of the Poor**](#)—Sundays 6-7:30 through 8/30

Events in the coming weeks:

[**On Earth Peace Gun Violence Organizing Meet-Up**](#)—October 14

[**The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace**](#)—October 15, Harrisburg

[**Reducing Plastic/Leaving Plastics Behind**](#)—October 17

[Faith and Forests](#)—October 18

[PFAS and Health Impacts: What Frontline Communities Need to Know](#)—October 19

[Environmental Justice Is Racial Justice: Faith Communities Respond](#)—October 20

[The First Reconstruction: Black Politics in America, From Revolution to Civil War](#)—October 23

[The Faith Voice at COP27](#)—October 25

[Reducing Plastic/Leaving Plastics Behind](#)—October 25

[Making Waves for Clean Water—Growing Your Reach on Email and Social Media](#)—October 27

[Faith-Based Development Annual Summit](#)—November 19

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO LEARN AND ACT

For postings since the previous Summary...

[Resources](#)

[Opportunities](#)

[Jobs, internships and fellowships](#)

NEWS POSTS

Visit our [weblog](#) for the latest news and information. For previous News Summaries, go to <http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org/news-summary/news-summary-archive/>. Also, check out specific issue-related posts by clicking on links on the right side of the page.

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[Summary of most recent News Posts.](#)

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