



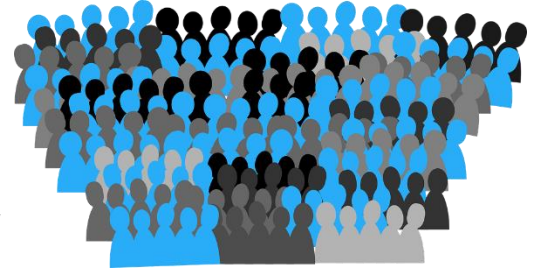
Pennsylvania Council of Churches Ministry of Public Advocacy



News and Action Summary for November 11, 2022

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

This week's election still hangs in the balance for control of Congress as votes continue to be counted in many states across the country. Outcomes in Pennsylvania are clearer, with Attorney General Josh Shapiro winning the governor's race, and Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman winning the race for the Senate seat being vacated by Pat Toomey. However, the final count in the PA General Assembly remains to be seen, with many anticipating that the Democrats will take the majority for the first time since 2010 after the count is completed.



The [PA Interfaith Power and Light Annual Conference](#) will be held on November 13. This is the place to be if you are concerned about climate change and want to learn more.

If you are interested in viewing a recording of "Christianity in America: Sacred or Supremacist?" for yourself or your congregation, please consider a contribution of \$5 to the Council to help offset the cost of presenting this program. You can do this 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":

- [Home Energy Assistance Program Opens November 1](#)
- [PA Open Enrollment for Health Insurance Begins Nov. 1](#)
- [Medicare Open Enrollment Is Here—Things You Need to Know](#)

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

NEW ACTIONS

[**Tell Congress to Improve the Black Lung Benefits Program for Miners—NEW**](#)

[**Urge PA Senators to Support the Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act—NEW**](#)

[**Urge Congress to Protect the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau—NEW**](#)

ONGOING ACTIONS

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

[**Tell Congress to Make Crucial Investments in Child Care**](#)

[**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 Provide Permanent Protections for DACA Recipients Before the End of 2022**](#)

[**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 PA Legislators to Support Background Checks for Ammo Sales**](#)

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

[**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**](#)

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

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](#)

[New Report on Childhood Homelessness in PA](#)

[Immigrant Justice Advent Devotional](#)

[Immigrant Holiday Toolkit](#)

[Sentencing Project Seeks Second Look Network Program Manager](#)

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:

[Living the Golden Rule: Faith Climate Action Week 2023](#)—April 14-23, 2023

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

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

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

Events in the coming weeks:

[PA Interfaith Power and Light Annual Conference](#)—November 13

[Congress of Neighboring Communities \(Uniting for Climate Action\)](#)—November 15

[Learn About Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#)—November 15

[Countering Climate Disinformation in Conversations and in the Media](#)—November 16

[Juvenile Diversion: Keeping Kids Away from Court Builds Safer Communities](#)—November 17

[United Against Hate: Identifying, Reporting, and Preventing Acts of Hate](#)—November 17, Harrisburg

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

[Reclaiming Our Democracy: Redistricting, Rules and Representation](#)—December 3

[A Christian's Guide to Planet Earth](#)—December 8

[Dancing with History: A Life of Peace and Justice \(George Lakey\)](#)—December 13, Harrisburg

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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