



# Pennsylvania Council of Churches Ministry of Public Advocacy



## News and Action Summary for January 6, 2023

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

Today is January 6—the day two years ago when thousands of insurrectionists stormed the US Capitol to try to stop the final certification of the Electoral College vote in the 2020 and overturn the Presidential election. It is a day, as was said about the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, that shall live on in infamy. We must never forget that our democracy is fragile, and we must do what we can to protect it—and by doing, give protection to ALL Americans.



This is our first News and Action Summary for 2023. We are filled with gratitude that we are entering this new year together.

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":

- [US Postal Service Finally Moving Toward All Electric Vehicles](#)
- [Pharma Giants to Hike 350+ US Drug Prices in the New Year: Analysis](#)
- [Home Energy Assistance Program Open](#)
- [PA Open Enrollment for Health Insurance Begins Nov. 1](#)—enrollment remains open till January 15

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](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org).

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](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org).

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## **URGENT ACTIONS**

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

Note that there are lots of urgent actions because we are coming to the end of the legislative session and many are tied to funding decisions that are being made now.

[Tell Congress to Expand the Child Tax Credit Now](#)

[STREAM Act Passed the Senate—Tell the House to Pass It As Well](#)

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## **NEW ACTIONS**

[Tell the Governor to Grow Access to High Quality Pre-K, Child Care, and More—NEW](#)

[Tell the EPA to Reduce Pollution from the Gas Industry—NEW](#)

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## **ONGOING ACTIONS**

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

[Tell Congress to Pass Citizenship Legislation for DREAMers Now](#)

[Take Action to Support Asylum Seekers](#)

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

[Tell Congress to Expand Insulin Copay to All Americans](#)

[Tell Congress to Save Lives by Capping the Price of Insulin](#)

[Tell Our Senators to Vote for Assault Weapons Ban](#)

[Tell the President: Don't Give Away Social Security and Medicare in "Grand Bargain"](#)

[Tell Congress to Fund the RECOMPETE Act](#)

[Tell Congress No More Corporate Tax Breaks](#)

[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 Congress to Pass the Equality Act](#)

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## **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](#)

[Faith Leaders Say Jan. 6 Committee Report Downplays Role of Christian Nationalism](#)

[In 'Major Step Forward,' Biden EPA Restores Water Protections Rolled Back by Trump](#)

[Faith on the Hill—Religious Composition of 118<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)

[Staying Warm in PA with Winter Heating Assistance](#)

[Free Native Trees Available](#)

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## **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:**

[Book Study: Invisible Men](#)—5 sessions, beginning January 12

[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

**Events in the coming weeks:**

[EV 101: How to Get Started with Electric Vehicles](#)—January 11

[Screening: Race to Be Human](#)—January 16, Carlisle

[Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast](#)—January 16, Harrisburg

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**OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO LEARN AND ACT**

For postings since the previous Summary...

[Resources](#)

[Opportunities](#)

[Jobs, internships and fellowships](#)

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**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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And finally...**PLEASE FORWARD THIS E-MAIL!**

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