



A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees, and Displaced People

Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day - April 20
Ecumenical Advocacy Days - April 20-23

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Join us April 20 for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Gather with your fellow Presbyterians as we look at how our church and our partners are confronting white supremacy and nativism while supporting refugee and migrant populations in our country and abroad. In plenaries and workshops we will analyze our current context and offer concrete tools for members and their congregations to address these urgent issues. We will learn how we build a unified public witness of subversive love amidst the abuse and hatred running rampant in our country.

After Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day, join the ecumenical community for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 20-23. Almost one thousand Christian advocates join us every year for a weekend of workshops, lectures and concrete actions addressing the ills of our nation. The weekend culminates in "Lobby Day" on Monday, April 23, when we raise our voices in the halls of power for a more just, all-inclusive and equal society.

[Click here for more information and to register today!](#)

New Workshops Announced for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day

Become a Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator - CPJ Day Skill-Building Workshop

In many of your congregations, you may already have a social witness ministry, a social justice committee, or a collection of people dedicated to justice work. The Office of Public Witness invites you to organize and formalize a Grassroots Advocacy Team to engage your congregants and community members in the creation of public policy and the advancement of a justice agenda in 2018 and beyond.

As a member of an Advocacy Team, you commit to having a relationship with your team, your members of Congress, and The Office of Public Witness over a period of at least a year. We support your team with action alerts, team building and organizing resources, and issue briefs throughout the year. This workshop will teach the basics of building a team and provide concrete tools to move your team to action.

Workshop Leader: Nora Leccese, Associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Ending the Inhumanity of Immigration Detention

Many people who come to the U.S. are fleeing violence, poverty, discrimination and marginalization. They are powerless when they arrive at the U.S. border or airport, and are in search of safety and compassion. This workshop will lift up the disconnect between our image as a country of compassion and place of refuge, and the harsh and inhumane way people are treated in the U.S. immigration detention system. People in detention/prisons suffer isolation and despair, and often have no real understanding of U.S. immigration laws and how or where to seek help. LGBTQ detainees risk further violence and discrimination.

There are numerous non-profit organizations that provide services to detainees and those who have nowhere to go. In the past several years, people who were once detainees have formed new organizations, such as Casa Mariposa.

Workshop Leader: Susan Krehbiel, Catalyst for Refugees & Asylum, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Banned Words and False Idols: How Absolutism Harms Christian Witness

What community and communication do we need in a time of fake news, fake governance, and even fake faith? In recent decades, non-mainline extremes have dominated the narrative when it comes to what Christianity is and what it means for U.S. culture. As a result, discussions of climate change and nationalism have become distorted in ways that hurt both U.S. politics and mainline Christianity. This workshop will lay out the stakes of Christian witness in this context, and equip participants to actively challenge narratives of climate change denial, “America First” hyper-nationalism, and white supremacy.

Workshop Leader: Henry Stone, Managing Editor, Unbound, Compassion, Peace and Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency