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Ministry of Public Advocacy

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

News and Action Summary for January 13, 2017

Check out the Actions, Events, Opportunities and Resources, and News Posts below-just click on the links under each category to get to the information. We've placed the most critical issues under Important Actions and Issues. 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 take action.** 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/getLocal.jsp to find a summary of your federal and state legislators with basic contact information.

Our website is updated regularly—please visit to find updated links, resources, etc. at http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org. It is a work in progress, and issue pages continue to be created as time permits. If there is something you would really like to see that isn't there, please contact us at s.strauss@pachurches.org.

And finally—If you appreciate this ministry, we would very much appreciate your support; you can learn how by clicking here.

URGENT ACTIONS

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

Urge Senator Toomey to Oppose Repeal of the Affordable Care Act

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NEW & ONGOING ACTIONS

Tell Your PA Legislators: We Need a Vote to Raise the Minimum Wage

Support Protecting Americans from Oil/Gas Air Pollution

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

Clean Water for the Woodlands, Butler County—Please Help!

GOP Doesn't Want Public To Know How Much Obamacare Repeal Will Cost. Study Shows It Could Be Trillions.

Alongside Sanders, New York Governor Announces First-in-Nation Free Tuition Plan

We Say Enough. We Are Enough. We Demand Enough. A New Movement

RCUSA 2017 Post-Election Refugee Toolkit

Fast4Power—January 14-20, National

1st 100 hours — Vigils for Climate Action—January 20-24, National

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EVENTS

For a full listing of events (and events posted between updates), see the Events page at http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org/events/ or click on the calendar in the right column.

Ongoing events:

Together to End Solitary—Monthly on the 23rd

100 Days of Faithful Resistance—Check out Activities

Events in the coming weeks:

Address on Palestinian Efforts for Peace with Justice by Jonathan Kuttab—January 14, Lancaster

Immigrant Advocates Announce Details of National Day of Action in DC and Nearly 50 Locations—January 14, National

Fast4Power—January 14-20, National

Berks Family Detention Center Vigil—January 15, Leesport

STAND Against the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline—January 15, Conestoga

March for a Better America—January 16, Philadelphia

Death Penalty Call to Action—January 17, Washington, DC

1st 100 hours — Vigils for Climate Action—January 20-24, National

Beyond the Wall: Images from Palestine—January 22-March 30, Philadelphia

Healing Communities Information Session—January 28, Chambersburg

Keeping Bees and Other Pollinators Safe and Happy—February 2, Carlisle

Middle East Interest Group: The Islamic Republic of Iran Forum—February 4, Lancaster

STAND Against the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline—February 12, Conestoga

Healing Communities Training—February 18, Chambersburg

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness Annual Meeting—February 26, Lancaster

STAND Against the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline—March 11, Conestoga

Healing Communities Train the Trainer Training—March 18, location TBA

Peace: The Next Generation—May 4, Manheim

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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Financial support for the Council's Advocacy Ministry is always welcome! Go to our online support page at http://www.pachurches.org/Donate and enter "Advocacy Ministry Support" under "Comments."

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

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