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

News and Action Summary for August 11, 2017

Please pray for cool heads to prevail in light of the heated rhetoric around North Korea. Also—there is a call for support at the #CornfieldChapel in Columbia to protect this land from seizure for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline—click here.

Many events scheduled for this weekend and early next week—check below!

Check out our newly posted event: Faithful Advocacy for Criminal Justice Reform: Principles and Practice—October 1-2, Harrisburg

Speaking Out in Pennsylvania—We Need Your Support! Consider contributing to our advocacy ministry and supporting this work! Recurring support is especially important!

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 Congress and the White House to Extend Temporary Protected Status for Persons Fleeing Violence in Syria, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen

Call PA Senators and Your Representative to Say NO to the RAISE Act—Protect Refugees/Immigrants

Tell Your PA Representative: Leave Medicaid Alone!

Say NO to Anti-Environment Budget Deal

NEW & ONGOING ACTIONS

Act Now—House Budget Attacks the Safety Net to Fund the Military & Tax Cuts for the Rich

Speak Up to Support Vulnerable Families

Urge Congress to Support High-Quality, Affordable Childcare

Mother and Son Freed from Berks County Detention Center: Act to Have Others Released

Sign We Are With Dreamers Letter

Farming Out DEP Permitting Function to Third Parties: Tell PA Reps This is a Bad Idea

Say NO to PA Senators on Bill to Delay Rule on Pollution Reduction Standards

Protect PA Children: Say NO to Trump's Education Budget

Act to Close the Black Women's Wage Gap

Actions Against Torture During August Recess

Urge PA Senators to Support CFPB Arbitration Rule **(see article below)**

Sign Faith Voices Letter to Protect the Johnson Amendment, Keep Sacred Places Sacred

Organize a Hometown Visit to Support the Johnson Amendment

Sign Petition: PA Legislators, Pass the Fair Share Tax

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

Pray and Sing at the Cornfield Chapel in Path of Pipeline

Actions for DACA Next Week

Act for DACA Across the Country**—August 15, National**

Watch "Immigrant Rights are Human Rights" on The Gathering

House GOP Budget Cuts Programs Aiding Low- and Moderate-Income People by $2.9 Trillion Over Decade

Mariner East Drilling Settlement Offers New Protections

Former EPA Employees Produce Guide to Resist Trump's Deregulatory Agenda

PA Benefits from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge—We Need to Protect It

Watch "Take a Deep Breath"; The Case for a MORALtorium on Fracking in PA

Keystone State Legislator Ramps Up Single-Payer Health Care Struggle

Welfare As We Know It Now: 6 Questions Answered

Consumers Fare Better with Class Action vs. Arbitration in Cases Against Financial Institutions

DEP Chronicles Story of Susquehanna River Stresses and Cites Successes on New Interactive Multimedia Website

More Immigration Resources for the August Recess

Share Your Stories to Protect Overtime Pay

Share Your Story About Unfair Mandatory Minimums

Become a Juvenile Justice Fellow with the Campaign for Youth Justice—Deadline 8/6/17

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 events:

Together to End Solitary—Monthly on the 23rd

Events in the coming weeks:

Walk Out on PA DEP's Pipeline Hearing with LAP, Others—August 14, Lancaster

Act for DACA Across the Country—August 15, National

Nuclear Showdown with North Korea?—August 20, Summerdale

SHUT DOWN BERKS Interfaith Witness & Make the Road PA Vigil—August 20, Leesport

LIPW Summer Film Series: Thirteenth—August 25, Lancaster

Ministers March for Justice—August 28, Washington, DC

Remembrance of 9/11: Honoring Those Who Lost Their Lives—September 10, Harrisburg

Welcoming Center Free Legal Clinic—September 12, Philadelphia

Get to Know Your Environmental Rights—September 14, Philadelphia

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism—September 14, Lancaster

Salam Neighbor Screening—September 14, Harrisburg

2017 PA Community Alliance Summit—September 18-19, Harrisburg

Faithful Advocacy for Criminal Justice Reform: Principles and Practice—October 1-2, Harrisburg

Child-on-Child Abuse Seminar—October 5, Lancaster

Health Care in Uncertain Times—October 23-24, Harrisburg

Homes Within Reach Conference—December 4-6, 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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Financial support for the Council's Advocacy Ministry is always welcome! Go to our online support page at https://www.pachurches.org/shop/ and look for "Public Advocacy Donation."

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

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