

**January 25 - Climate Can't Wait Events Today, Ecumenical and Interfaith Advocacy Day,
February 16**

The eviction moratorium ended on January 15. If you are trying to figure out how to help your congregation, loved ones, friends and community deal with the coming eviction crisis, this event is for you. Ellen Davidson is the foremost advocate and policy expert when it comes to housing for those who struggle the most. View the video now!



[VIDEO AVAILABLE NOW. CLICK HERE](#)

Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State has maintained a strict moratorium on evictions out of concern for the many renters in the state who lost income during the shutdown and fell behind on rent. The moratorium ends on January 15th and the state's fund for pandemic rent relief is out of money. What's next--families evicted from their homes during the coldest time of the year? A massive increase in homelessness during a surge in the COVID pandemic? Is there another way forward? How should faith communities that include both renters and landlords respond?

In this presentation, we hear from Ellen Davidson who is a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society and an expert in local, state and federal policy related to housing and homelessness. Pastor Paul Sweet from Christ Church UMC in Troy, NY will offer a faith response and then we'll open the floor for questions and conversation. Please join us!

The State Street Forum on Faith and Public Life is a joint initiative of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the New York State Council of Churches and the FOCUS Churches of Albany. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for people of faith to deepen our understanding of a current issue, reflect on that issue from a faith perspective and commit to taking concrete action in response to what we've learned.



January 25: Climate Can't Wait Rallies and Call-in Day

The NY State Council of Churches is one of more than 30 organizations who are a part of [Climate Can't Wait](#), a collaboration of groups committed to mobilizing support for a comprehensive package of [legislative policy proposals](#) to move New York into the new renewable energy future.

On January 25, please join us in urging the New York State legislature take bold action on climate. Here are ways to participate:

Join Climate Can't Wait for one of our 3 regional actions, or virtual phone calling effort! Please RSVP to get the latest updates on how to get plugged into telling the legislature that "Climate Can't Wait!"

Albany Press Conference

Jan 25th 12pm
State St Entrance to Capitol Building
Masks required

NYC Rally Outside Governor Hochul's Office

Jan 25th 3:30pm
633 3rd Ave, New York NY 10017
Masks required

Yonkers Rally to Pressure Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Jan 25th 3:30pm
Van Der Donck Park, 41 Dock Street Yonkers NY 10701
Across from the Yonkers Public Library and Metro North Station
Masks required

Virtual Phone Call Party on Zoom

January 25th 12pm or 6pm
Zoom info will be emailed to those who RSVP before the event

Climate Can't Wait 2022 - for the [Climate Can't Wait Policy Package, click here.](#)

Register [here](#) to participate and to receive additional information.

VIRTUAL NEW YORK STATE ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY - FEB. 16, 2022

Wednesday, February 16th from 9:00am - 5:00pm



*In the early part of the last century, across ethnic divisions and denominations, Christians and people of other faiths along with secular and labor groups across America rose together to oppose child labor, unsafe working conditions, and economic inequality----- some of the worst sins of the First Gilded Age. As we once again work to build a more just society in our time, please join the New York State Council of Churches for a **virtual Ecumenical and Interfaith Advocacy Day of learning and action**.*

Participants will begin with theological and historical grounding and opportunities to reflect on anti-racism followed by a presentation on organizing to address systemic racial and economic inequality in the state budget. We will then offer pointers on speaking with legislators and help you arrange visits with Assembly people and Senators in your area.

We will then hold seminars on the following issue areas:

Economic Development and Hard and Soft Infrastructure

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Health Care

Environmental Justice

Labor and Immigration

Criminal Justice Reform

Democracy, Government Ethics and Voting Rights

Our time together will be all virtual from 9 AM to 5 PM with periodic breaks. Here is how to get involved:

1. **[Please RSVP by completing this registration form.](#)** *Registration is free.*
2. ***New York State Council of Churches welcome organizational partners (secular or religious) for Ecumenical and Interfaith Advocacy Day free of charge. If you would like your organization to be named as an Advocacy Day Partner please contact Peter Cook at Pcook@nyscoc.org or 508-380-8289 to let us know the name of your organization and to ask any questions about the day.***
3. **We appeal to you to be a financial co-sponsor.** While a financial contribution is not required to register or be a partner for Advocacy Day, we do ask for all secular and faith groups to consider being a financial co-sponsor for the event to help with our expenses which include proper technical support, honorariums and staffing expenses. **To be a financial co-sponsor or simply to donate as an individual or organization [click here](#).**

9:30 AM - Virtual Parole Justice is Racial Justice Advocacy Day

Details:

People's Campaign for Parole Justice - February 8 - Virtual Parole Justice is Racial Justice Advocacy Day

On February 8, in honor of Black History Month, the People's Campaign for Parole Justice will hold our second-annual Parole Justice is Racial Justice advocacy day. The day will take place virtually from **9:30am-3:30pm**.

Please sign-up to join us using [this link](#) (or <https://bit.ly/ParoleJusticeFeb8>) even if you can't attend the entire day — and invite 5-10 friends asking them to do the same!

SIGN UP FOR [THE NEXT ADVOCACY DAY](#) ON FEB. 8!

Register [here](#) to participate and to receive additional information. Please invite your friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join in this effort.

Remember to frequently [visit our website](#) which is updated daily with new information and events

The New York State Council of Churches relies on contributions to carry out its ministry, [please donate](#) Also, [like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#)