



News from Your Council of Churches

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Dear Friends,

The following is an editorial excerpt from the National Council of Churches.

It is important that faith communities do all that is humanly possible to end this horrific situation, and that struggle begins with our prayers. Within the next few weeks, we can all strive to bring this issue to our congregations in prayer led by our prayer warriors.

End the Cruel Family Separations

The National Council of Churches joins its voice with those of countless others in opposition to the cruel separation of families being carried out by the United States of those seeking refuge along the border with Mexico.

We reject the allegations that the children and adults seeking refuge from economic privation, violence, and political turmoil are criminals. Rather, they are good and decent hardworking people. The overwhelming majority of them happen to be Christians.

These are our sisters and brothers. We know them and have stood and worked in solidarity alongside them for many years—throughout the infamous ‘War on Drugs,’ throughout the ‘Contra Wars,’ and as many of them have sought peace and a new home in our land.

Hundreds of our churches have declared themselves to be sanctuaries for those fearing incarceration and deportation. We have long advocated for comprehensive immigration reform that will enable a path to citizenship, the reunification of families, and protection of the rights of workers.

We reject the misuse of Romans 13 by Attorney General Sessions and White House Press Secretary Sanders to justify reprehensible actions. Many more scripture passages insist on helping the immigrant, the sojourner, the poor, and those in need of aid.

We reject the notion that President Trump is powerless in this situation because of a 'Democrat law.' With a stroke of the pen, he can put an end to the travesty taking place along the border.

Therefore, we call on the United States government to reunite children with their families and to establish a humane and just system to assist those seeking asylum and refuge in our nation.

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

-Matt. 25:40 NRSV

4TH ANNUAL CIVILI-TEA CITY WIDE STUDENT ART COMPETITION

RESCHEDULED DATE

HIGH TEA SOCIETY

CREATIVE EXPRESSION COMPETITION

AWARD PROGRAM AND RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

5:30-7:30 PM

PEPCO EDISON PLACE GALLERY

702 8TH STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC

For more information email tea4two1997@gmail.com

(Please Support Our Youth)

Rain date Friday, June 22, 2018

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The Struggle for Autonomy in Washington, D.C

The struggle for autonomy in Washington, D.C. -- How our history of race and politics informs our current fight for basic rights in DC today

Featuring a conversation with:

Derek Musgrove -- co-author of *Chocolate City* and Associate Professor, UMBC

Tom Sherwood - co-author of *Dream City* and a current political analyst on WAMU

Wednesday, June 27, 12:30pm -- 1:30pm

1640 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20036

This will be a unique opportunity to understand our city's special history from two of its most influential analysts, and explore together the implications for how we move our city forward.

In recent years, there have been no more important books than those written by Derek Musgrove (*Chocolate City*) and Tom Sherwood (*Dream City*) whose thoughtful exploration of our city and its complicated past remain required reading for those of us who want to change our city's political landscape.

This is a rare opportunity to hear from two outstanding thinkers who have written the seminal works about Washington, D.C. and who understand what we need to do to create real change here.

National City Member Leads Gun Violence Elimination

Doug Cook, long time National City member, is leading the Council Churches of Greater Washington in a monthly protest on Waples Mill Road in Fairfax before the NRA Headquarters at 10:00 AM on the 14th of every month and when the 14th falls on a Sunday at 2:00 PM. Mr. Cook serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of Churches. Mr. Cook also drives a car load to the NRA Site

The 14th of the month chosen as that is the date the 20 children and 6 adults were shot and killed at the Elementary school in New Town, CT The objective is urging the NRA to support back ground checks for those purchasing a gun. There are an average of 200 to 300 protesters every month

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Article from John T. Mathison

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Church Women United

Greater Washington Church Women United is planning their Mid-Atlantic Region Assembly – for August 16-18, 2018. Their Greater Washington State Assembly will be held on October 5, 2018. Members and friends of all units are invited to attend these activities. If you need more information about any of these activities, please contact Leila Kendrick at 202-829-0856 or kendrickleila@gmail.com. Please do not contact me. Thanks!

Good Faith



We are an alliance of faith communities in the District of Columbia serving persons who are homeless and marginalized. Our mission is to advocate with those we serve for adequate and affordable housing for all District residents.

Good Faith Communities Coalition, firmly rooted in the shared tenets of our faith communities, provides an opportunity for individual congregations to join together so that their voices are heard loudly and clearly in the District of Columbia government as local priorities are discussed and the budget allocated. Working together we can make a difference!

For more information: goodfaithdc@gmail.com

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Call 202-745-0425,
for membership information

CCGW Calendar At-A-Glance

Thursday, July 12, 2018, CCGW Board Meeting, 12 noon

Saturday, July 14, 2018, NRA Headquarters Demonstration on Waples Mill Road, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 15, 2018 Fall Assembly

Sunday, January 13, 2019 Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Multi-Faith Commemorative Event

Venue: New York Avenue Presbyterian (NYAPC) has agreed! Sanctuary reserved from 12:30-7:00 p.m.!

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