

Hospitality on W. 58th Street

The Interfaith Assembly and the Rescue Alliance will hold a community workshop as part of the Hospitality Initiative to welcome the residents soon to move in to the new West 58th Street transitional housing facility

Where: Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Hall, 154 W. 57th St, 10th Floor

When: Monday, June 25th, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm

*Light refreshments will be provided

[Register now.](#)

Save the Date – A Forum on Human Migration

Saturday, July 7, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Rutgers Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by the Committee on Witness to Society and the World and Presbyterian Men in the Presbytery of New York City, this forum will explore current issues affecting immigration and refugees as well as ways that congregations might respond. Current speakers include representatives from the New Sanctuary Coalition and Rutgers Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendar and watch for more information.

Family Separation

The Office of Public Witness (OPW) has created an [online tool kit](#) to help congregations and individuals work to End Family Separation and Decriminalize Migration. The kit includes material on mobilizing for action, contacting our Federal Representatives, writing an op-ed, worship resources, links to organizations working on issues related to migration, and more. Guided by the policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly, the OPW provides action alerts on issues of concern, including [an alert on immigration bills](#) currently proposed in the House of Representatives.

Families Belong Together Rallies

Families Belong Together will hold rallies on June 30 across the country to call our leaders to stop separating families. Check their [Web page](#) for events in the bounds of the presbytery.

Accompaniment Training

The New Sanctuary Coalition (NSC) accompaniment program recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people facing deportation to their immigration hearings and ICE check-ins. This provides moral support to the person facing deportation and enables volunteers to hold immigration authorities accountable. Standing in solidarity with migrants facing deportation also demonstrates to immigration judges, ICE officers, and government attorneys that there is a community mobilized against their deportation. NSC accompanies hundreds of people a year. [Sign up to attend a training.](#)

Bail Reform (with thanks to the Office of Public Witness)

On Juneteenth, the [#FREEnyork Campaign held a rally](#) calling for the reform of the cash bail system on Foley Square. In St. Louis, commissioners and others attending the 223rd General Assembly, took \$47,000 received through the opening worship and online gifts to City Hall to pay bail for individuals who could not afford the cost. Every night, across the country, hundreds of thousands of people remain incarcerated simply because they do not have the money to pay for their freedom. Nationwide [62 percent of people in jail are waiting](#) for justice to be served in cases that typically involve nonviolent charges. Bail serves as both a punishment and a method of coercion to plead guilty. Pre-trial incarceration has catastrophic impacts on families and communities. Even a few days in jail can ruin a person's life. They may lose their job; their family may lose housing and some even lose their children. Bail hits the poor especially hard. Pre-trial incarceration has outsized impacts on communities of color. Our LGBTQ and gender nonconforming family are arrested and jailed at even more alarming rates. Over the past several years, organizations have been planning bail out actions, in which they pay bail for people incarcerated pre-trial in local jails, as part growing momentum to end the practice of money bail in the US, and by extension end the system of mass incarceration.

- [Learn about the #FREEnyork Campaign to address bail reform, discovery reform, and speedy trial](#)
- [Read the PC\(USA\) Bail Out Curriculum](#)

Youth Development Specialists – Job Opportunity

The NYC Administration for Children's Services (NYC ACS) is hiring 150-200 [Youth Development Specialists](#) to work with young people in juvenile detention centers in Brooklyn and the Bronx. You may have colleagues, congregants, or friends who are interested in this work. ACS is looking for caring, enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about working with young people and interested in helping turn young lives around.

- Starting salary 45k +OT
- Various levels of degrees accepted: 4-year degree, HS diploma, GED
- Criminal background does not exclude you - [Click here for more details FAQ](#)
- Full benefits