

#CLOSErikers

The New York City Council is scheduled to vote in October on a proposal to close the jail system on Rikers Island and build borough-based jails in The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. The Justice Ministries Committee, Presbyterian congregations and individuals, have supported and participated in this campaign. Two important events in this process take place next week. Attendance at these meetings will demonstrate support for the plan

- **October 16th, Committee Vote**

- 9am Rally at City Hall
- 10am Vote
- [Learn more and RSVP](#)

- **October 17th, Full Council Vote**

- 12pm Rally at City Hall
- 1:30pm Vote
- [Learn more and RSVP](#)

[City Council Members](#) and [the Mayor](#) need to hear from us. Contact them with the message that the plan to #CLOSErikers must include investments to [#buildCOMMUNITIES](#).

BECOMING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH: TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY

Date: November 16, 2019 from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

[Register now!](#)

The Presbytery's second annual advocacy training day focuses around themes from the denomination's national Matthew 25 vision. The Rev. Emily Brewer, executive director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, will be the preacher. Workshop leaders will come from the Office of Public Witness, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, and local partner organizations working on justice issues. Lunch will be provided; a free-will offering will be received to help defray the costs. [Register now!](#)

FLINT: THE POISONING OF AN AMERICAN CITY

Date and Time: Wed, October 16, 2019 - 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM EDT

Location: Town Stages, 221 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013

[Get tickets now!](#)

The PC(USA) Presents the NYC Premiere of "Flint: The Poisoning of an American City", the most recent film from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. "Flint" explores the critical question of how the ongoing water crisis could happen in an American city. This film intersperses interviews with area residents and experts in lead and water with testimony at congressional oversight committee hearings. With over 5,300 cities across the US in violation of federal lead rules, Flint serves as a warning for the rest of the country. This documentary educates and inspires action, seeking to radically change how we view and value water. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers, Flint residents, and experts. [Get tickets now!](#)

STOLEN HANDS, STOLEN LANDS: FROM 1619 TO A JUST FUTURE

Date and Time: Sunday, October 20th at 6:00 PM

Location: The Riverside Church

Sponsored by Union Theological Seminary and The Riverside Church, this multi-faith service will solemnly observe the 400th anniversary of the first Africans to be sold into bondage in the U.S. The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II will offer a reflection. All are welcome for this important occasion. [Please RSVP!](#)

NYDIS PREPAREDNESS TRAINING EVENTS

New York Disaster Interfaith Services offers Preparedness Training Events this fall for clergy and religious leaders. On Thursday, October 29, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Salvation Army site at 120 W. 14th Street, NYDIS will hold the [Fall Preparedness Summit for NYC Religious Leaders on Crisis Emotional & Spiritual Care](#).

CLIMATE CHANGE

Faith-based leaders offer two resources to follow-up on the September 20 Climate Strike: a [discussion guide](#) for use in congregations that makes connections between the Climate Strike, the Green New Deal, and broader movements for climate justice and a [guide to host a supper](#) where you can discuss climate change, what it means to you, and why you care.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS WANTED

Grant Associates, a woman-owned workforce development organization, has announced that they are looking to fill positions for three community organizers in Manhattan. Full time, Manhattan location. 50K. Environmental issues. Bilingual a plus. Contact [Karen Diggs](#) for more information.