

## **THE MRS. ROSA PARKS AND THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**

Held at Eastchester Presbyterian Church, the offering from our Presbytery's celebration totaled \$1,000.00, that went to the Bronx Freedom Fund to support their revolving fund to pay bail for people accused of misdemeanors. Thanks to all who contributed!

## **END CASH BAIL AND STOP MASS INCARCERATION**

Every day people in New York City and state await trial in jail because they cannot afford bail. Efforts to end cash bail are underway. Here are some resources for more information and action:

[End Cash Bail and Stop Mass Incarceration Breakfast](#) at Trinity Wall Street Church

[How Does Bail Work and Why Do People Want to Get Rid of It? – New York Times](#)

[Policy Brief: Bail Reform in New York](#) - #FREEnewyork campaign of JustLeadershipUSA

[Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform Progress Report](#)

## **AVERT SECOND GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Office of Public Witness provides an opportunity to [contact our Senators and Congresspeople](#) urging them to negotiate and pass a spending package that averts a second government shutdown, while also protecting the rights and dignity of migrants, border communities, and people across the nation who would be affected by another shutdown.

## **SIGN-ON LETTER FOR IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS IN NEW YORK**

The Micah Faith Table, The Interfaith Center of New York, Union Theological Seminary, The New Sanctuary Coalition, the New York State Council of Churches, and Rural & Migrant Ministry invite New York State faith leaders to [sign on to a letter](#) advocating for passage of two important New York State immigration bills ensuring new protections for immigrant New Yorkers:

1) Driver's Licenses for All - A. 10273 (Assembly Member Crespo) and S.0868 (Senator Sepulveda) - would allow access to driver's licenses for all qualified drivers, regardless of immigration status.

2) Separation of Children Accountability Act - A. 1436 (Assembly Member Epstein) and S. 222 (Senator Benjamin) - would mandate that social service agencies, with the Office of Refugee Resettlement contracts to provide custody for unaccompanied or separated children, must share this information with the NY State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), so advocates and policy makers will have the information they need to ensure that the children's needs are being met.

[Sign the letter urging support for both bills by Monday, February 11, 2019](#)

## **PRISON & FAITH: DIALOGUE ON GLOBAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PRISON REFORM**

**Friday, February 15**

**3:00 - 4:30 PM**

**Church Center for the United Nations**

The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and others faith-based partners in the United Nations community, will hold a dialogue on global criminal justice and prison reform for faith leaders. Leaders in the field and people on the ground in criminal justice reform and advocacy will share their work locally, nationally, and globally. This will be an opportunity to meet the Rev. Stanley Chimeysa, prison chaplain in Malawi and a member of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, a partner church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For more information, contact [info.pmun@pcusa.org](mailto:info.pmun@pcusa.org).

**PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**February 23 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church**

The Justice Ministries Committee will provide workshops on Ministry related to Criminal Justice and Staying Alive for the Long Haul. [Share the brochure](#). [Register now](#).

**NEW YORK STATE ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS – February 27 in Albany**

This day-long event begins with spiritual grounding, followed by basic advocacy training, workshops, and visits to the offices of our elected officials. [Learn more and register now](#). Contact [Mark Koenig](#) for more information and if you are interested in carpooling.

**ADVOCACY TRAINING WEEKEND – April 5-9 in Washington, DC**

Focused on “Troubling the Water for the Healing of the World”, the 2019 Advocacy Training weekend includes a Presbyterian Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day on Friday, April 5 and Ecumenical Advocacy Days starting in the evening of Friday, April 5 and continuing through Capitol Hill visits on Monday, April 8. Register for [Ecumenical Advocacy Days](#); register for the [Presbyterian Training Day](#). **The Justice Ministries Committee has a limited number of scholarships available for first-time attendees.** Contact [Mark Koenig](#) for more information.