



Who Are We?

The New York State Council of Churches (NYSCOC) is a statewide organization through which Protestant Christians work together to accomplish mission goals which focus on Advocacy, Chaplaincy, Education and Worship, and Ecumenicism. Founded in the late 19th century, The Council represents 7,500 protestant denominations throughout New York state. The Council comprises 9 partner denominations, which are detailed on our Member Denominations page. Each denomination sends representation to our Executive Committee and provides financial support. Other denominations which are members of the National Council of Churches may also have representation to the Council.

The council aims to promote Christian and Interfaith unity, advocate for social justice and peace, and address issues of common concern. It provides an avenue for congregations to live out Jesus' call to be God's face and hands in today's world. Christian involvement in social witness and public policy is a response to God's call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with god. The Council's priority Advocacy areas are:

- Economic Justice
- Criminal Justice
- Racial/Immigration Justice
- Environmental/Climate Justice
- Voting Justice
- Healthcare Justice

What Do We Do?

- Provide training and tools for community organizing and legislative actions for faith-based organizations.
- Working through the Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative and Partnership for Affordable Housing NYSCOC helps faith communities analyze their property and figure out how to use it for affordable housing & other uses consistent with their mission. For more information please contact Rashida Tyler (Contact information below).
- The New York State Council of Churches certifies and supports chaplains in state institutions including the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Office of Children and Family Services, and Office of Mental Health. We sponsor an annual conference for chaplains and provide other continuing education opportunities.

- Foster ecumenical and interfaith collaboration and relationships-*including with the world, national, and local councils of churches. Advocacy for human rights and religious freedom in India and Palestine/Israel and Afghanistan*
- Provide educational and worship resources used in faith formation for youth and adults- *We gather, analyze, and publicize information which helps people of all ages live out their faith in the public square*
- *The New York State Council of Churches (NYSCOC) alongside Crauderueff & Associates offer congregations the opportunity to combat climate change, build community and raise funds with community solar. To learn more contact: Peter Cook (contact information below).*

How Can You or Your Church/Organization Get Involved?

Start or join your congregation's social justice/ advocacy committee. If you would like more information on how to start a social justice committee at your church or would like to arrange for an advocacy training, **please email: office@nyscoc.org or call (518) 436-9319.**

Join the council's mailing list for regular news and advocacy alerts at: **www.nyscoc.org/contact**

Stay up and learn about events you can attend and actions to take on the council's work via our website and social media :		
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