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Greetings!

Happy Easter! This issue shares information about the Rally to End Racism - April 3-5 in DC. Also, check out information on civil discourse. Would you and your church be interested in "Setting the Table...:?" Check out the recent *Legislative Brief*.

*Peace and joy to you,*

Rebecca Tollefson, Executive Director



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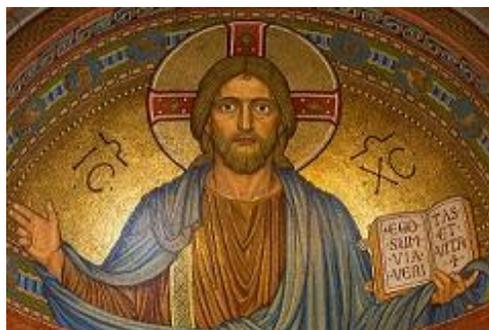
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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Ohio Council of Churches is to ***make visible the unity of Christ's church***, provide a Christian voice on public issues, and engage in worship, education and service.



## ACT Now: Unite to End Racism

April 4 is the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. You are invited to help financially. Any gift is welcome, but here are some ways you can give or encourage others to give:

Would you give \$50 - an amount for each of the 50 years we have been without Dr. King?

Would your congregation give, perhaps even taking up a special offering to support this historic event? We are looking for 500 congregations that can give \$500 from mission or justice funds.

Would you as an individual, congregation or organization to be a Justice Bearer and give a gift of \$50,000 or more?

Watch the news coverage of events from April 3-5, 2018. Two buses will be going to DC to the Rally on the Mall. We will commit to do our part to eradicate the entrenched racism that grips the United States and paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal.

Send gifts to: [www.Rally2EndRacism](http://www.Rally2EndRacism)

## Civil Discourse



The questions below reflect the work NICD has been doing. Answer three or more questions correctly and receive a **Revive Civility bumper sticker!**

1. What do we mean by the word '[civility](#)' and why is '[civil discourse](#)' so important?
2. How many State Legislators have gone through "[Building Trust Through Civil Discourse](#)" to date?
3. What percent of State Legislators are elected into Congress? (10%, 30% or 50%)
4. What is the name of the [texting platform](#) designed by NICD for youth?
5. How many [Members of Congress](#) recently formed a bipartisan group to encourage civility by using NICD's '[Setting the Table for Civility](#)'?

To receive a bumper sticker, just [click here](#) with your answers. (Please include your mailing address.)

The work NICD is doing is making a difference in your state and across the country. Please help us continue to Revive Civility by clicking the [Donate](#). Thank you!

We can do more together than we can do alone.

**Together we can Revive Civility,**

**Our Democracy Depends On It.**

## New Events

Faith, Food, and Flourishing: How Churches Can Step Up, April 17, MTSO, for more information, go to: <https://www.mtso.edu/theologicalcommons/faith-food-and-flourishing/>

## Previously noted Events

"Meeting Alzheimer's" Workshop, April 14, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Bexley, OH, 9-noon. Click [here](#) for information.

[National Workshop on Christian Unity](#), April 16-19, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 20-23, 2018. "A World Uprooted." [Registration Open.](#)

Nelson W. Trout Lecture - April 26-27, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus.

[Click here](#) for information.

Interfaith March for Peace & Justice, April 29, 4:30 pm in Columbus. Coordinated times across the country.

Bridges of Faith Triologue to host Cincinnati's Festival of Faiths, June 24, Xavier University's Cintas Center. More information coming: [cincifestivaloffaiths@gmail.com](mailto:cincifestivaloffaiths@gmail.com).

No Parent should have their child killed with an Assault Rifle while attending School!



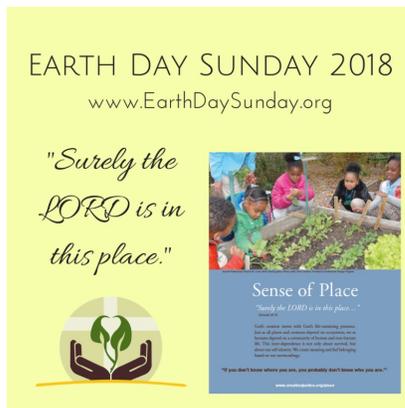
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## Resources

How do we fight the opioid/drug addiction crisis?

Take Action is a new organization that invites churches to choose a day as their annual prayer day. Each church is asked to have three people praying every hour for 24 hours. Launch date is May 3, National Day of Prayer. If interested in more, contact John Dyher at [takeaction@takeactionov.org](mailto:takeaction@takeactionov.org)

Earth Day, April 22, 2018



[Materials](#): What will you do?

By participating in Earth Day Sunday and other endeavors, our faith community participates in the ecumenical efforts of Creation Justice Ministries. To connect with others who are planning Earth Day Sunday activities, join the [Earth Day Sunday 2018 Facebook event](#)

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