RISING TO THE CHALLENGE
ESTABLISHING EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God’s help.
URGENT NEEDS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

The impacts of the pandemic have been widespread, but are particularly prevalent among Black, Latino, and immigrant households. These disproportionate impacts reflect harsh, longstanding inequities — often stemming from structural racism — in education, employment, housing, and health care that the current crisis is exacerbating.

COVID-19 has created mass unemployment in New Jersey and around the country; people are out of work and struggling to afford adequate food and pay the rent.

We have identified hunger and homelessness as our immediate priority.
In the coming year, it is estimated that 1 in 6 persons in New Jersey will experience food insecurity. Communities of color are being hit the hardest; it is estimated that 1 in 4 families of color are experiencing food insecurity in New Jersey.

Over 50% of all Episcopal congregations participate in vital food ministries. Emergency food assistance centers will struggle in 2021 without additional resources. In the hardest hit counties, the projected increase in need is more than 80%.
8,800+ homeless men, women, and children

Blacks and African Americans make up 49% of the homeless population, while only 13% of the overall population.

In the face of the pandemic, 300,000+ possible evictions and a possible homelessness crisis are forecast for New Jersey residents once the eviction moratorium is lifted, on top of elevated unemployment and economic insecurity that has hit lower income families disproportionately.
“Whatever I had read as a child about the saints had thrilled me. I could see the nobility of giving one’s life for the sick, the maimed, the leper. Priests and Sisters the world over could be working for the littlest ones of Christ, and my heart stirred at their work. But there was another question in my mind. Why was so much done in remedying the evil instead of avoiding it in the first place?... Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to the slaves, but to do away with slavery?” *Dorothy Day*
32 JUBILEE CENTERS

NORTHERN
St. James’, Edison
San Jose, Elizabeth
Christ Church, New Brunswick
St. Peter’s, Perth Amboy
St. Peter’s, Spotswood
St. Luke/All Saints’, Union
Trinity, Woodbridge

MONMOUTH
St. Augustine’s, Asbury Park
Trinity, Asbury Park
St. James’, Bradley Beach
St. Peter’s, Freehold
St. Mark’s, Keansburg
All Saints’, Lakewood
Christ Church, Middletown
St. George’s, Rumson
Christ Church, Toms River

ATLANTIC
St. Simeon’s, North Wildwood
St. Barnabas’, Villas

WATCHUNG
St. Martin’s, Bridgewater
St. Francis’, Dunellen
Holy Cross, North Plainfield
St. John’s, Somerville

TRENTON/BURLINGTON
All Saints’, Princeton
Trinity, Princeton
Cristo Rey, Trenton
Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
St. Peter’s, Medford
St. Andrew’s, Mount Holly

CAMDEN/WOODBURY
San Andres, Camden
Grace, Haddonfield
Grace, Merchantville
St. Thomas’, Glassboro
The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey plans to establish ECS-NJ placing emphasis on the following immediate steps:

1. **We have targeted raising at least $500,000 by Christmas.** We are looking for congregations to serve as founding members and hope we can raise $300,000 from congregational giving.

2. **Raising awareness and inspiring people** to address important social and racial justice issues with the creation of the *Summit on Building and Equipping the Beloved Community* scheduled for December 12, 2020.

3. **Creating a preliminary advisory board** to facilitate the formation of three bodies to guide and lead the initiative (Board of Directors, Grant Making Advisory Board and Social Justice/Advocacy Committee).

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**THE TIME IS NOW**

The unrelenting pandemic has affected most Americans. Black, Latino and Native American households are hardest hit by the financial impact of the crisis.

The future isn't what it used to be.

**We need to respond.**
ECS-NJ SUMMIT
BUILDING AND EQUIPPING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

December 12, 2020 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

An accessible and engaging forum grounded in scripture that will educate, inspire, equip and empower all stakeholders to engage in the work of building and equipping the “Beloved Community” by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Keynote Speaker:
Brandon McKoy, President, New Jersey Policy Perspective

Panel Moderator:
The Rev. Canon Dr. Rob Droste

Panelists:
Derek Minno-Bloom
Linda Shomo
The Rev Rose Broderick
The Reverend, Dr. Francisco Pozo

Matthew 25:31-46
ECS of New Jersey will strengthen our ability to meet human needs in the cities, towns and villages our congregations serve by providing financial support to those critical ministries offered by our under-resourced congregations. It will be the vanguard of our advocacy efforts, allowing us to work in a coordinated way for meaningful, systemic change, challenging the unjust structures of society.

**OUR VISION**

**PHASE I**

- Secure leadership support and founding gifts and pledges
- Launch semi-annual Summit on Building and Equipping the Beloved Community
- Establish preliminary advisory board

**PHASE II**

- Establish governance with creation of Boards and Committees
- Raise awareness
- Allocate resources
- Strengthen links with parishes
- Formalize grant-making process
- Expand fundraising
LEADERSHIP SUPPORT
$500K GOAL BY CHRISTMAS

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Episcopal Community Services of New Jersey is committed to working to achieve a more just and equitable world. Help us achieve this goal by getting involved early and raising awareness quickly!

1. Identify key individuals and households who can serve as leaders, advocates, and contributors

2. Schedule briefings to engage and begin involving those key people

3. Identify areas where those key individuals and households can make the most impact
YOUR SUPPORT

Leading by example at this extraordinary time

Endorse the urgency and importance of this new ministry

Become a founder by making a sacrificial lead gift or pledge

Get involved in meaningful ways

Pray for the success of our efforts

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Matthew 25:34-36
THANK YOU