



# North Carolina Council of Churches

Strength in Unity, Peace through Justice

[www.ncchurches.org](http://www.ncchurches.org)

## Partners in Health and Wholeness



## Legislative Advocacy



But let justice run down like water,  
And righteousness like a mighty stream.

—Amos 5:24

## Christian Unity, Interfaith Dialogue, and Peace



## North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light

In as much as you did it to one of the least of these,  
you did it to me.

—Matthew 25:40



## Immigration, Farmworkers, and Rural Life



## Resources and Events

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## Immigration, Farmworkers, and Rural Life

[www.welcometheimmigrant.org](http://www.welcometheimmigrant.org)  
[www.ncfarmworkers.org](http://www.ncfarmworkers.org)

The Council has continued its successful series of **clergy breakfasts** on immigration across the state, offering religious professionals and faith leaders an overview of immigration issues in the context of a great networking opportunity. We also hosted the fourth annual **Faith & Immigration Summit**, which focused on issues affecting immigrant children and youth. Our efforts on behalf of farmworkers continued, including the **2015 Farmworker Institute** that had more than 150 attendees and the annual **Day of the Dead** event to honor farmworkers who have died in the fields.

## Partners in Health and Wholeness

[www.healthandwholeness.org](http://www.healthandwholeness.org)

In our work to improve physical health within faith communities, PHW has provided **CPR/First Aid training** and 234 Automated External Defibrillators to congregations across every county. In addition, the program has more than 300 congregations participating in our **PHW Certified Health Congregation program**, collectively representing almost 75,000 people of faith across 64 different counties. We have distributed more than \$250,000 in **mini-grants and healthy eating grants** to help these congregations expand their health ministries. More than 300 clergy and lay leaders have received training and education from PHW staff.

## North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light

[www.ncipl.org](http://www.ncipl.org)

NCIPL works with faith communities to identify and implement positive, hope-filled responses to climate change as a moral imperative through education, outreach, and public policy advocacy. Activities, opportunities, and programs include: **emPOWERed** - offering resources and free energy savings analysis workshops for houses of worship; **Sacred Foodscapes** - making the food-faith-climate connection; **Sacred Grounds** - making the habitat-faith-climate connection; **Re-Vest** - making the money, faith, climate connection; **Advocating with Compassion** - speaking truth to power with love.

## Resources

[www.ncchurches.org/resource/](http://www.ncchurches.org/resource/)

Along with **Raleigh Report**, our periodic update published throughout the General Assembly session, we also continued to publish a weekly **E-news** with information from all our programs and from like-minded organizations. In 2015, our **Legislative Seminar** drew 200 participants who wanted to become better-informed grassroots advocates to Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary. Topics included issues facing public schools K-12 through college, the environment, voting rights, the judiciary, and more. Our **Advent Guide** for Lectionary Year C focused on the plight of refugees. And we have continued our work as active partners with **HKonJ** and **Moral Mondays**.