

“Your will be done on
Earth as in Heaven.”

The Florida Council of Churches convenes the Historic Ecumenical and Black church to seek justice, practice loving-kindness, and walk humbly with God on Earth—since the end of WWII. Through the exchange of our faith gifts, we offer a common voice that all become whole.

For years the Council has prayed together, championing criminal justice reform, supporting farm-workers, welcoming refugees and immigrants, working to end hunger, encouraging care of creation, promoting public schools, protecting workers, opposing predatory lending, decrying injustice, marching for civil and human rights and gun safety, pleading for healthcare and housing. We seek unity in Christ in both our joys and sorrows, griefs and celebrations, in church and in society, in season and out of season.

*For the Spirit of the Lord is upon us
to proclaim good news to the dispossessed,
liberty to the imprisoned,
insight to the blinded,
emancipation to the oppressed:
to announce Jubilee for All.*

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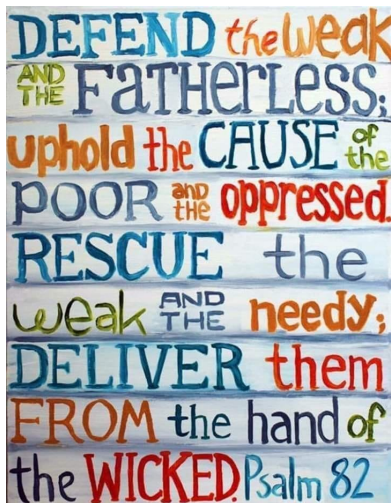
Our Ministries

Common Prayer

Throughout the year across the state we encourage opportunities for common prayer and worship, that we may dwell in unity. The MLK Day observances, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and Thanksgiving are particular moments of multifaith prayer.

Public Witness

When injustice occurs, we rally support among people of faith and goodwill to redress the wrong and offer a better way. Vigils to mourn victims of gun violence. Rallies and marches to call officials to account. Campaigns to change public policy.



Addressing Nationalism

Religious nationalism is creating concerns globally. Nationalism, of any kind, is a construct of political power that often uses religious symbols to define who belongs in society. It is insidious, invasive, coercive, and destructive of true faith and democracy. It turns on the power to cast out rather than on the unconditional love of God.



Legislative Advocacy

In recent years the Council has increased its presence at the state legislature in partnership with allies who support policies that end impoverishment and promote multiethnic democracy. What had been a slow yet steady pace of bipartisan reforms is now reversed. Awash with nationalistic expressions, the current political environment threatens free public schools, public health, voting rights, and the right to privacy, and the power to control our own bodies. Death penalty warrants are being issued in rapid succession, accurate history is prohibited, books banned, and non-conforming identities are publicly denied. Black and immigrant Floridians are facing increases of violence and prosecution. Our faith voice matters. In 2023 it helped block predatory lending, pre-emption of living wage ordinances, cancellation of in-state tuition for immigrants, and the persecution of ministry among undocumented immigrants. The Council also hosted the 5th Anniversary Interfaith Memorial Vigil for the Parkland Victims. Addressing gun violence remains a continuing priority. And we offer a pastoral presence in the halls of the Capitol.



Participatory Grass-roots Democracy

During the pandemic, the Council helped train 50 residents of St. Petersburg in hosting World Cafés so that they could enhance grass root democracy through conversational leadership. Additional trainings are contemplated for other parts of the state.

Caring for Creation

Before the pandemic, the Council had convened five annual interfaith climate action assemblies. Now through the Florida Network, an online lay community, it is connecting with the Earth Charter to respond to the climate crisis.

Mutual Peace: Beyond Violence

As a partner in a national collaborative tracking political and community violence, we are helping to design a national convening of the various peace and non-violence networks to explore the paradigm shift to go beyond violence as a useful tool in society. As a new network of networks emerges, faith communities will discover opportunities to realize the gospel of peace in their own ministries.

Workers Compensation

An unsung service of the Council provides discounted workers compensation insurance to small congregations through a combined policy option. Contact the Council at info@floridachurches.org for information.