

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

Justice Sunday 2011

The church as an advocate for change.



Advocacy Ministries at CCPC

CCPC is currently expanding its advocacy efforts to increase the church's impact on issues of justice, draw additional members of the congregation into our mission work, and perhaps set the stage for increasingly ambitious social justice initiatives in the future. This increasing advocacy work is currently occurring in four areas of CCPC's mission work, all of which would benefit greatly from additional volunteer help and leadership.

- **THE REENTRY TASK FORCE** -- Building on its experience helping ex-offenders through the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), CCPC took the lead in creating what is now a citywide advocacy Task Force involving churches, nonprofits, the Public Defender's Office and others in advocating for fair treatment and greater opportunities for people who face many obstacles as they leave prison and reenter society, seek jobs, housing, and essential services. More volunteers with public policy, legal and other advocacy skills are needed, as well as a person with communication, web, and social networking skills. Louise White, CCPC coordinator (lwhite809@aol.com or 202-362-0541)
- **WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS (WIN)** -- Chevy Chase Church recently joined WIN, an organization we have supported for many years. This brings us into alliance with more than two dozen DC congregations in an interfaith effort to address major issues of education, housing, job training and social services in the City of Washington through a process of community organizing and coalition-building. We are beginning a systematic process of outreach to CCPC members with the goal of involving a growing number of people in this interfaith effort. Bill Hoffman, CCPC coordinator (whoffman@davispolk.com or 202-364-8927)
- **ENVIRONMENT** -- CCPC's Session recently voted unanimously to participate in a national drive to enlist Presbyterian churches in becoming "Earth Care Congregations". This builds on the many years of work by the church's Environmental Stewards and involves us in a church-wide process of assessing what we can do to contribute to sustainability - from retrofitting of present church facilities, improving our earth-care habits, and increasing our advocacy on environmental issues. Jerry Gudis, CCPC coordinator (jgu555@aol.com or 301-652-2168)
- **BREAD FOR THE WORLD** -- For many years CCPC has supported this national interfaith effort to address hunger issues in the US and internationally. We are now moving to expand our active involvement on Bread for the World's key issues, finding new ways of involving members of the congregation in campaigns which Bread for the World launches with the involvement of congregations throughout the country. William Minor, CCPC coordinator (william.minor@dlapiper.com or 301-320-3445)