

# Public Policy Witness Purpose Group

*“ . . . And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice, and to love kindness, and  
To walk humbly with your God?”*

Micah 6.8

The Public Policy Witness Purpose Group was formed in 2010 to continue and the enhance the presbytery’s longstanding practice of encouraging effective public policy witness among individuals and congregations of the presbytery. The group serves as a liaison between those members of the presbytery who seek to be engaged in advocacy work and selected faith-based organizations practicing public policy witness within the state of Virginia. For information, contact Judy Holland, [judithholland@comcast.net](mailto:judithholland@comcast.net) or Alex Evans, [aevans@2presrichmond.org](mailto:aevans@2presrichmond.org).

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**OUR MISSION:** To empower Virginians to create social justice for all by advocating for systemic change.

**OUR WORK:** To unite people of faith in Virginia. Through partnership with other statewide non –profit advocacy organizations and our own grassroots networks, we empower faithful advocate to:

**LEARN** about the issues challenging our communities

**PRAY** for guidance and discernment

**ACT** to make Virginia a more just and compassionate Commonwealth.

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## CHARLOTTESVILLE COALITION FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention engages in a variety of activities to raise awareness of gun violence issues and to support programs designed to reduce the incidence of gun violence in our state. In recent months CCGVP’s many initiatives have included sponsoring and participating in the ASK Day event; advocating directly with state legislators on gun violence issues; and supporting the institution of “gun free” policies in retail stores and housing units in the Charlottesville area. Learn more about preventing gun violence in our homes, churches, and communities by reaching out to CCGVP. CONTACT: Gay Lee Einstein, [ccgvpl@gmail.com](mailto:ccgvpl@gmail.com)

## CLERGY COMMITTEE FOR RAPID TRANSIT

The mission of the Clergy Committee for Rapid Transit is to prayerfully cultivate civic friendships rooted in faith to generate effective, broad-based appeal and witness for a regional bus transit system. The immediate goals of the committee are the formation of a broad-based congregational voice for BRT, as well as the persistent, public, and strategic expression of that voice around the step-by-step decisions requisite for Rapid Transit until those decisions are finally and fully made. The ultimate goal of the committee are two fold:

- A comprehensive and attractive regional bus rapid transit system;
- The cultivation of intercongregational relationships, spiritual growth, and racial reconciliation around issues of justice in our region.

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**PUBLIC POLICY WITNESS PURPOSE GROUP—**  
promotes advocacy on issues of justice and compassion, providing education and training to empower individuals and congregations to take action and to speak Christ’s truth in the arena of public policy.

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