### TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER

For the body is not one member, but many. 1 Corinthians 12:14



### ECS Sunday Collect by The Reverend Andrew D. Kruger

Compassionate God, you called us to establish Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey: endow us with the vision to balance charitable giving with advocating justice, so that both the source and symptoms of oppression will be overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Episcopal Community Services** (ECS-NJ) is a diocesan initiative that focuses on: proactively addressing human needs and relentlessly working against both social and racial injustice

# VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR TALENTS

Get engaged and make a difference! If you or someone you know has a skill or talent and a few hours a month to give, we need you!

For more information, contact us: <a href="mailto:info@ecs-nj.org">info@ecs-nj.org</a>

## SEEKING ECS-NJ CONGREGATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Help identify your congregation's champion. It's someone who:

- will serve as a liaison to vestry
- will share ECS-NJ messages and events
- will communicate congregation's needs/wants with ECS-NJ
- will attend biannual briefings with the Bishop and leadership

If interested, please email info@ecs-nj.org.

#### **COMPASSION & JUSTICE IN ACTION**

#### St. Michael's, Trenton

With support from ECS-NJ, St. Michael's opened up their church to the local community, convening community conversations on mental health & wellness and creating a bookstore space to provide recovery and mental health resources. This networking with grass-roots groups, nonprofit organizations, and government (including the City of Trenton and the Police Juvenile Division) led to new community programs & collaborations.

One young lady on her way to Catholic Charities came into the store and, after picking out some books, noticed the CODA (Codependents Anonymous) books. After mentioning her inability to find a close-by CODA meeting, she got interested in the possibility of starting one at the church. The dates were scheduled, and the new CODA meeting at the church was successfully launched.

### PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

contact us info@ecs-nj.org

#### WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF YOU

We would like to express our deepest gratitude. We are blessed with the congregations, individuals, and organizations, without whose kind generosity, none of this would ever have been possible.

We are committed to working to achieve a more just and equitable world. Together, we're able to do so much more.

Let's ignite an epidemic of compassion, donate today.