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Fall Assembly 2025

Holding Faith, Holding Democracy

Date: Sunday October 5, 2025
Time: 4:00-5:30 pm
Location: Triumphant Christian Church, Bishop Cynthia Gee-West, Senior Pastor
2540 Park Ave, Bridgeport, CT

AGENDA

Dr. Liz Keenan & Rev. Dr. Philippe Andal, Co-Chairs
Margaret LeFever & Tanner Behboudi, Timekeepers

4:01 **Call to Order** — Co-Chairs

4:03 **Welcome & Opening Prayer** — Pastor Lamond Daniels
Pastor of Discipleship, Triumphant Christian Church

4:05 **Opening & Framing** — Co-Chairs

Roll Call of Institutions
Welcome New Members

- Triumphant Christian Church, Bridgeport
- St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Fairfield
- Hamden Newhall Neighborhood Association, Hamden
- First Congregational Church of Madison
- Shoreline Unitarian Church, Madison

Building Our Relational Power — Co-Chairs

- Dine & Dialogue Fairfield County (November 10, online)
- Dine & Dialogue New Haven County (November 17, online)
- Eric Ward Lecture (November 11 at Congregation Mishkan Israel)

4:19 **Housing Team Update** — Debra Tangarone, Spring Glen UCC (Hamden)
Jacque Paige, First Congregational Church, (Fairfield)

4:23 **Foundations First! Campaign: Hamden Newhall Neighborhood Association**
HNNA Leadership: Tonya Campbell, Rev. Caitlin O'Brien
Representative Laurie Sweet, Hamden
Council Member Rhonda Caldwell, Hamden

4:29 **Friends of CONECT Annual Fund Appeal** — Rev. Curtis Farr,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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4:32 ***Manto de Maria:*** **Immigrant Solidarity & Avelo Boycott**

- Immigrant Solidarity Team Members
- Fr. David Blanchfield
- Rev. Dr. Odell Montgomery Cooper
- Jeff Schwartz
- Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray

4:42 **Celebrate National Gun Safety Consortium**

- DiAne Boese
- Timmy Oh, CEO of Vara Safety
- Chief Frank Kaminski, President of National Gun Safety Consortium & Retired Park Ridge Illinois Police Chief

4:53 **Celebrate Clean Slate CT**

Criminal Legal Reform Team Chairs

Dawn Grant, Phil Kent, Tammy King, Rodney Moore

State Senator Gary Winfield

Chief Deputy Majority Leader

Commissioner Ronnell Higgins
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sheena Meade

CEO of The Clean Slate Initiative

5:23 **Call to Action & Adjourn** Co-Chairs

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