



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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## Talking with Teens: Reproductive Rights & Sexual Health



**When:** Thursday, July 14 | 7:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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While we are still reeling from the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, NCJW wants to help you adjust to this shifting reality.

**Abortion is a complicated and politicized topic, and your teen likely has questions, concerns, and feelings about the implications on their own lives and reproductive choices.** One of the most important discussions you may end up having on the topic this summer is with your own teen or a teen in your life about issues of their own sexual and reproductive health, rights, and choices.

Featured speakers include NCJW Scholar in Residence Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and Charis Denison, a Youth Advocate, teacher, and expert in Human Development, Ethics, and Social Justice. Please join us for this important conversation.

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

## Know Your Missouri Voting Information

Missouri's primary election is coming up on August 2nd and will determine which candidates appear on November's general election ballot for seats in the U.S. House and Senate and the state legislature, among other races.

## Essential Information:

- **Register to vote** - The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming primary is **Wednesday, July 6th**. You can confirm your registration or register by [clicking here](#).
- **Absentee voting** - Absentee voting for August 2 has begun! You can vote absentee by mail or in person. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Wednesday, July 20th**. You can cast an absentee ballot in-person up until **Monday, August 1st**. [Click here](#) to request an absentee ballot by mail.
- **In-person on Election Day** - Polls are open from 6:00 am - 7:00 pm. To find your polling place, please [click here](#).



If you have any further questions about voting, please [click here](#). If you have any problems voting either absentee or on Election Day, please call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

## July Lunch & Learn: Abortion from the Interfaith Perspective



### July Lunch and Learn:



## Abortion Rights from an Interfaith Perspective



Rev. Anzilotti  
St. Francis' Episcopal Church



Rev. Kennedy  
Buren Chapel African Methodist  
Episcopal Church (AME)



Rev. Turner  
Christ Church UCC



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By now, most of us are familiar with Judaism's stance on abortion rights. However, several Christian denominations support abortion rights as well. These denominations have been instrumental in the interfaith movement; they too bring the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health. **To help us learn more, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Rev. Gabrielle Kennedy, and Rev. Becky Turner for our July Lunch and Learn to discuss abortion rights from an interfaith perspective. Rabbi Janine Schloss, who will be joining the clergy staff at Temple Emanuel on July 1st, will be moderating.**

Rev. Anzilotti is Vicar at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka. She earned her Masters of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. She currently serves on the Cabinet of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis and previously served as Director of Faith & For the Sake of All, a non-profit that deepens understanding of and response to racial disparities in St. Louis.

Rev. Kennedy is first generation St. Louisan, pastor of Buren Chapel African Methodist

Episcopal Church (AME) and director of a community-based racial equity organization, Faith & For the Sake of All (FFSOA). FFSOA is committed to improving the health and well-being of African Americans by mobilizing the faithful and Rev. Kennedy exercises this mission personally and professionally.

Rev Turner became Pastor of Christ Church UCC in 2017. With a diverse background serving three different denominations and interfaith non-profit justice work, she is deeply committed to the UCC value of "Being the Church," that is, putting faith into action for the common good. She was also the long-time Executive Director of Faith Aloud, a pro-choice faith group.

Please [click here](#) to register for the July Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call (314) 993.5181

## Tell the White House: Make Abortion Care Accessible to Everyone NOW

It's time to demand action from our elected representatives — and we're starting at the top.

The recent ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade* is catastrophic for people of all backgrounds seeking compassionate health care, including abortion, and violates our religious freedom by prioritizing a narrow understanding of when life begins. Abortion access is a Jewish value, as Judaism permits abortion, and even requires it when the life of the pregnant person is in danger.



NCJW is urging President Biden and Vice President Harris to look creatively at their executive powers and other avenues that the government has at its disposal to rapidly make abortion care accessible to everyone — people of minority religions, and people of no religion — regardless of the state in which they reside. **Options include, but are not limited to, increasing access to abortion medication, and calling for the Senate to pass the Women's Health Protection Act.**

Please [click here](#) to urge President Biden and Vice President Harris to make abortion care accessible to everyone.

## Take Action & Join the A-List



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## Interesting Reading



Up until about 2006, only a handful of companies were making AR-15s. They were outliers, producing rifles mainly for law enforcement and the military; the domestic commercial market AR-15s accounted for just a fraction of total gun sales, which averaged from 6 million to 8 million guns a year. The social norms that governed gun ownership and the firearms industry were clear: Assault rifles and tactical gear were a fringe interest that had no place in a complex democratic society. So what happened?

[Click here](#) to read Ryan Busse's article from *The Atlantic* entitled "The Rifle That Ruined America"

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