

# RETURN & RESTORE

## Policy Advocacy Checklist: Community-Led Crisis Response

The purpose of this checklist is to outline all the necessary tasks to consider in hosting a “Policy Saturday/Sunday” event in your faith community and advocate beyond. You can share this document with other faith networks across the state as a template to encourage preaching, teaching, and mobilizing **to advocate for the creation of community-led crisis response teams as an alternative to police involvement in non-violent, mental/behavioral health crises.**

### PREACHING

Dedicate one Sunday service to community-led crisis response

Identify the date of the service

Announce the service regularly in morning announcements

Create a flyer for the church bulletin, website, and social media

Consider creating a countdown clock for social media

Invite advocates, lawmakers, and local media to the Sunday service

Use [SandSJ's "Red, Black, and Blue" Pulpit Toolkit](#) (Part II: Theology) to create a service program including sermon, worship, altar calls, prayers, etc.

Host your Sunday service

### TEACHING

After your Sunday service, host a conversation about community-led crisis response with the congregation, local community, advocates, and lawmakers

Consider a panel discussion about the implementation of the Seabrooks-Washington Community-Led Crisis Response Act

Consider a roundtable discussion about how the community has been impacted by police violence and document the stories told

Research statistics on police violence in your community through the [New Jersey Force Report](#)

Set up informational tables before and after service with information, toolkits, and other resources on community-led crisis response teams and how to advocate for more equitable policies statewide

## MOBILIZING

Request a local street team to speak with your congregation about their work and how you can get involved or support

Host regular discussions at your church about community-led crisis response

[Contact your State Representatives](#), using SandSJ's prepared call script, and urge them to ensure that community voice is involved in the implementation of the Seabrooks-Washington Community-Led Crisis Response Act

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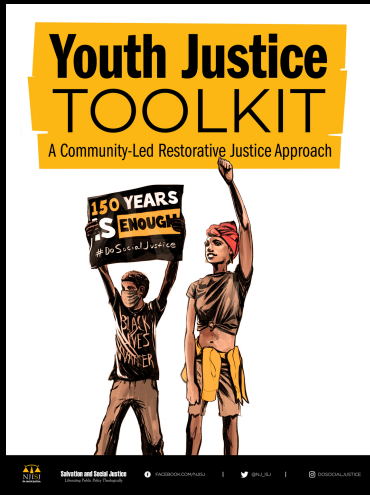
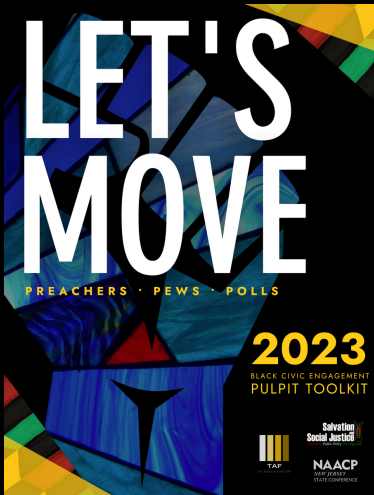


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