

# Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance

TFJA



THE TENNESSEE  
FAITH & JUSTICE  
ALLIANCE

## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



April #Help4TNDays bring TFJA flowers! Isn't that how the saying goes??

### Help Tennessee grow through our Pro Bono Surveys!!

**All TFJA members:** If you have not already completed the Access to Justice Commission's **Family Law Resources Survey**, please do so as this survey is intended to identify areas where Tennesseans are not receiving help and additional family law resources are needed. **This survey takes approximately five minutes is open to all members of the legal community**, and the more responses we can collect, the better the data set. Please take the survey, and pass it along to your law firms, social media accounts, and networks. I have created a special link for TFJA members and will report on the participation in next month's newsletter. **The link is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tfjamembers>**

**TFJA in the News!** The Knoxville News Sentinel published a story about a TFJA Clinic on April 17 at Vestal United Methodist Church! Check it out: <http://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/2017/04/09/knoxville-bar-association-host-free-clinic/100255010/> **Thanks Vestal United!!**



**With #Help4TNDay behind us, the Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance looks towards its next major initiative for Spring 2017:**

**GROWTH!!**



*Just as Springtime brings a time of spiritual renewal in many faith communities, Spring is a perfect season to recharge and renew the Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance, as we continue to breathe life into the initiative.*

**TFJA clinic leaders only:** you should have received e-mails from me requesting that you complete surveys for Tennessee's Annual Pro Bono Report. Thus far, only two of our Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance Partners have answered the annual survey (**THANK YOU El Shaddai Christian Church and Karnes Legal Services!!**) and several of you have asked for extensions. Please get these surveys in as soon as possible if you have not already completed your survey. **If you were a coordinator for a TFJA clinic in the past year and did not receive a survey, please e-mail me so I can make sure you are on future mailings.** If you need me to resend the link or answer any questions, I am happy to do so.

*Thank you, thank you for your survey participation and for your good work in the state! The TFJA would not be possible without your outstanding leadership!*

Let's talk immigration! TFJA is forming an immigration team. E-mail [kimi.dement@tncourts.gov](mailto:kimi.dement@tncourts.gov) to learn how you or your house of worship can be a part of it! Tell us what's happening in your faith body!



**Do you have an idea for expansion of the Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance? Email [kimi.dement@tncourts.gov](mailto:kimi.dement@tncourts.gov)**

*"They tried to bury us, but they didn't know we were seeds." –Mexican Proverb*



### Faith Leader Trainings

One of the most fundamental components of the TFJA is the idea that faith leaders often serve as **"first responders"** to legal issues. **Most people would rather do almost anything than go to a lawyer with a legal issue, and instead of turning for legal help, many turn to their faith leader for guidance.** If that faith leader is equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify basic legal issues and make referrals to a pro bono attorney early on, the person may get the legal help they need sooner, **which could prevent things like unnecessary judgments, foreclosures, and custody battles from becoming bigger problems down the road.**

**The TFJA is currently working to plant seeds for several Faith Leader Trainings across the state in 2017. Let us know if you can help!!**

*"Seek justice, love mercy, walk humbly." Micah 6:8*



**MALS Clinics-West TN**

**Attorney of the Day**  
Thursdays at 1:30 pm  
5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1  
Shelby Cnty Courthouse  
140 Adams Ave, Rm. 134  
Memphis, TN 38103

**Saturday Legal Clinic**  
Sat. 5/13; 10 am – 12 pm  
**Veterans Legal Clinic**  
Sat. 5/13; 10 am – 1 pm  
Ben Hooks Publ. Library  
3030 Poplar Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38111

**Veterans Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/30; 12 - 2 pm  
Memphis Vet Center  
1407 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

**LAMT Clinics-Mid TN**

**Rutherford Cnty Clinic**  
Saturday, 5/20, 9-11am  
Higher Ground Worship  
Center, 2424 Yearwood  
Ave, Murfreesboro, TN

**Nashville 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 4:30pm  
Legal Aid Society  
300 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN, 37201

**McHugh Clinic**  
Saturday, 5/27, 8:30am  
Legal Aid Society  
300 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN, 37201

**Oak Ridge Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/16, 4:30pm  
575 Oak Ridge Turnpike,  
Suite 201, Oak Ridge, TN  
(Call ahead)

**MNPS Clinic/El Office**  
Saturday, 5/20, 8:30am  
615 Fessey Park Road  
Nashville, TN, 37204

**Fairview Help Clinic**  
Thursdays at 3:30 pm  
5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1  
GraceWorks West  
2382 Fairview Blvd., Ste  
102, Fairview, TN, 37062

**Mercy Clinic/St.  
Andrew Lutheran**  
Thursday, 6/1, 4:30pm  
908 Murfreesboro Road  
Franklin, TN, 37064

**Operation Stand Down**  
Wednesday, May 17  
Call 615-248-1981 for  
details and to schedule

**LAET Clinics-East TN**

**Blount County Sat. Bar**  
Saturday, 5/20, 9am-  
12pm, 307 Ellis Street  
(Compton Place)  
Maryville, TN, 37801  
Call 865-981-1818 to  
schedule, *intake required*

**Pro Se Divorce Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 6/6  
307 Ellis Street  
Maryville, TN, 37801  
Call 865-981-1818 to  
schedule, *intake required*

**Pro Se Divorce Clinic**  
Wednesday, 5/24, 2pm  
535 Chesnut St #360  
Chattanooga, TN  
Call 423-756-4013 to  
schedule, *intake required*

**Good Samaritan  
Ministries**  
Saturday, 5/6, 9-11 am  
100 North Roan Street  
Johnson City 37601

**Knox County Sat. Bar**  
Saturday, 5/20, 9am  
Legal Aid East TN, 607  
W Summit Hill Dr SW  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**KBA YLD Veterans’  
Legal Advice Clinic**  
Wednesday, 5/10, 12pm  
Knox County Public  
Defenders’ Community  
Law Office, 1101 Liberty  
Street, Knoxville, TN

**Hamilton Juvenile Ct  
Child Support Clinic**  
Thursday, 5/11, 1-3 pm  
1600 E. 3rd Street  
Chattanooga 37404

**Bristol Faith in Action**  
Saturday, 5/13, 9-11am  
534 Euclid Ave.  
Bristol, VA 24201

**Bradley County Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 2pm-5pm  
Call (423) 303-2266

**Chattanooga CARES**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 3-5 pm  
1000 E 3rd Street  
Chattanooga 37403

**Kingsport Thurs. Bar**  
Thursday, 5/18  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
243 East Charlemont  
Ave, Kingsport, 37660

**TFJA Clinics Spotlight**

**St. Luke’s Episcopal**  
Saturday, 5/13, 9am  
600 S. Chesnut St.  
Knoxville, TN, 37914

**Cross Point Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 6pm-8pm  
Cross Point Dream  
Center; 4007 Delaware  
Ave; Nashville, TN

**Salvation Army Clinic**  
Every other  
Wednesday 10am-12pm  
Salvation Army  
Command Central  
631 Dickerson Pike  
Nashville, TN

**Mending Hearts Clinic**  
Limited Court Fee  
Forgiveness; Contact  
[MollieGass@gmail.com](mailto:MollieGass@gmail.com)

**Compassionate Counsel**  
Hendersonville &  
Brentwood  
Call (615) 824-3772 or  
(615) 370-3010 for appt.

**Good Samaritan  
Ministries Clinic**  
May 6, 9am-11am  
Good Samaritan  
Ministries, 100 N Roan  
St, Johnson City, TN

**Other Clinics**

**Upper Cumberland  
Family Justice Center**  
Tuesday, 5/9, 4-6pm  
269 South Willow Ave,  
Suite E, Cookeville, TN

**Franklin County Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/2, 6/6  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Franklin Co. Judicial  
Center; 360 Wilton Circle  
Winchester 37398

**Perry County Clinic**  
Tues, 5/2, 6/6 9:30am  
Perry County Senior  
Center, 112 South Mill  
Street, Linden 37096

**Maury County Clinic**  
Thursday, 5/11; 6/8  
10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Mt. Pleasant Senior  
Center, 501 Gray Lane  
Mt. Pleasant 38474

**Warren County Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/9; 6/13  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Warren Co. Courthouse  
111 South Court Square  
McMinnville 37110

**Hickman County Clinic**  
Tuesday, 5/2; 6/6  
11 am – 12 pm  
Hickman Co. Senior  
Center  
107 Armory Street #1  
Centerville 37033

**Rutherford & Cannon  
Co. Bar Association  
Clinic at Greenhouse  
Ministries**  
Thursdays at 3:30 pm  
5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1  
309 South Spring St.,  
Murfreesboro 37103

**Homeless Experience  
Legal Protection  
(HELP) Clinic**  
Tues, 5/9; 6/6, 1pm-3pm  
Hospitality Hub, 146  
Jefferson Ave, Memphis  
Weds, 5/24, 9-11:30am  
Room at the Inn, 705  
Drexel St, Nashville

**Nashville Bar  
Association  
Dial-A-Lawyer**  
Tuesday, 5/2; 6/6  
6 pm - 8 pm  
Call 615-242-9272

*\*\*Know a clinic that is missing?  
Have updated information? E-  
mail [kimi.dement@tncourts.gov](mailto:kimi.dement@tncourts.gov)*



**Let’s plant new clinics!**  
Let me know if your community  
has a need and leadership for a  
recurring clinic. *Together we  
can plant seeds of justice that  
will flower and grow for years  
to come! Questions? Ask me.*

*Allow faith and justice  
to bloom this Spring!*