Engage in the Beloved Community

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) Executive Director Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW, has launched a statewide tour to meet with the communities in every county of Pennsylvania and discuss the PHRC's message.

The PHRC created the Beloved Community framework to assist communities of the commonwealth to build a culture of peace, understanding and tolerance despite our differences within the context of an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

Each listening session will include a presentation on the Beloved Community framework and an overview of the services and programs offered by the PHRC. This serves as a great opportunity to create relationships and partnerships with local leaders and organizations to help them solve controversial issues within communities.

Interested in partnering with the PHRC? Please contact the PHRC Central Office or via our website for more information.

Contact the Regional Office Closest to you:

Harrisburg 333 Market St. 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-787-9780 717-787-7279 (TTY)

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Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Social Justice In Your Community

Our Mission

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission promotes equal opportunity for all and enforces Pennsylvania's civil rights laws that protect people from unlawful discrimination.

Our Vision

As Pennsylvania's civil rights leader, it is our vision that all people in Pennsylvania will live, work, and learn free from unlawful discrimination.

Our Values

Equality - Service - Integrity - Excellence -Teamwork - Respect

Additional Initiatives

- No Hate in Our State Townhall
- PHRC training programs
- Executive Director keynote addresses

Social Justice Ambassador Program

Social Justice Ambassadors are key contacts that help PHRC outreach efforts meet the individual needs of local communities.

Duties of the Ambassador

- Promoting awareness of the existence, mission and purposes of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Commission.
- Refer discrimination complaints from community members in the area of housing, employment, education, commercial property and public accommodations.
- > Keep the PHRC updated on incidents of hate and bias in your community.
- Notify PHRC of community outreach activities and provide referrals for PHRC led events.
- Assist PHRC in finding spaces for outreach events, meetings and/or hearings.

If you have a passion for promoting equal opportunities and combatting discrimination in your community, we'd love to connect with you! Reach out to the PHRC Central Office (717) 787-4410 or via our websitewww.phrc.pa.gov to be connected with an Outreach Coordinator to learn more about the Ambassador Program and/or Advisory Councils.

Social Justice Advisory Councils

Social Justice Advisory Councils bring statewide PHRC resources to local communities. These groups of 8-10 volunteers meet regularly to identify local challenges, develop partnerships, host events and reach out to community members at risk of experiencing discrimination.

Duties of the Council

- > Advocate for your community: Partner with PHRC to take on key civil rights issues in your area.
- Assist community members with filing complaints: Raise awareness about each person's right to live, work and learn, free from unlawful discrimination, assisting people with filing complaints that are investigated by PHRC staff.
- Plan events, trainings, and discussions that will educate people in your community and celebrate the diversity in your area. PHRC staff members are available to assist in planning and executing these events.

