



## About Faith in New York

Founded in 2013, Faith in New York (FINY) is a multifaith grassroots citywide network of congregations and people of faith committed to the work of justice, community transformation and liberation through faith-based community organizing, policy change, and movement building in New York City. Faith in New York is the New York City affiliate of the Faith in Action, the largest faith-based community organizing network in the country.

**Our Vision:** To build the Beloved City in New York City by bringing together a multi-faith, multi-issue base of community members who learn together, analyze power, re-envision, and co-create a city that is a sanctuary for all, regardless of faith, race, class, age, gender, economic status, and other identities.

**Our Theory of Change:** We believe that when people of faith come together in teams in our houses of worship and communities to dream, discern, learn, and act together, transformative change happens. We believe that powerful relationships - with clergy, congregants, and community members and groups - drive our work, and that is through those relationships that we change policy, build power, listen deeply to each other, and bring forth the divine.



**Our Organizational Pillars:** Leadership Development and Training, Community Education, Community-led Research, Public Action

## Areas of Work

**Civic Engagement/Voting Reform:** Expanding Democracy through advocating for policies that allow all New Yorkers to more easily participate in local, state and federal elections, with specific focus on expanding access to the ballot box for people of color, persons who live in poverty and persons with disabilities. Our Get Out The Vote (GOTV) work includes voter registration, community education, Souls to the Polls voter mobilization, and engaging candidates on the issues that impact our communities.

**Immigrant Justice (Faith for Liberation):** Pursuing pro-immigrant legislation through local and national efforts by holding officials accountable to an agenda of keeping families together. We seek to combat the othering and criminalization with one that affirms all immigrants are deserving of protection from unjust laws. This includes protection and security of immigrant communities through deportation defense, sanctuary advocacy, preserving asylum protections for those fleeing murderous regimes and domestic violence, and fighting for the rights of all immigrants including undocumented workers and families, Dreamers, and those with Temporary Protected Status.

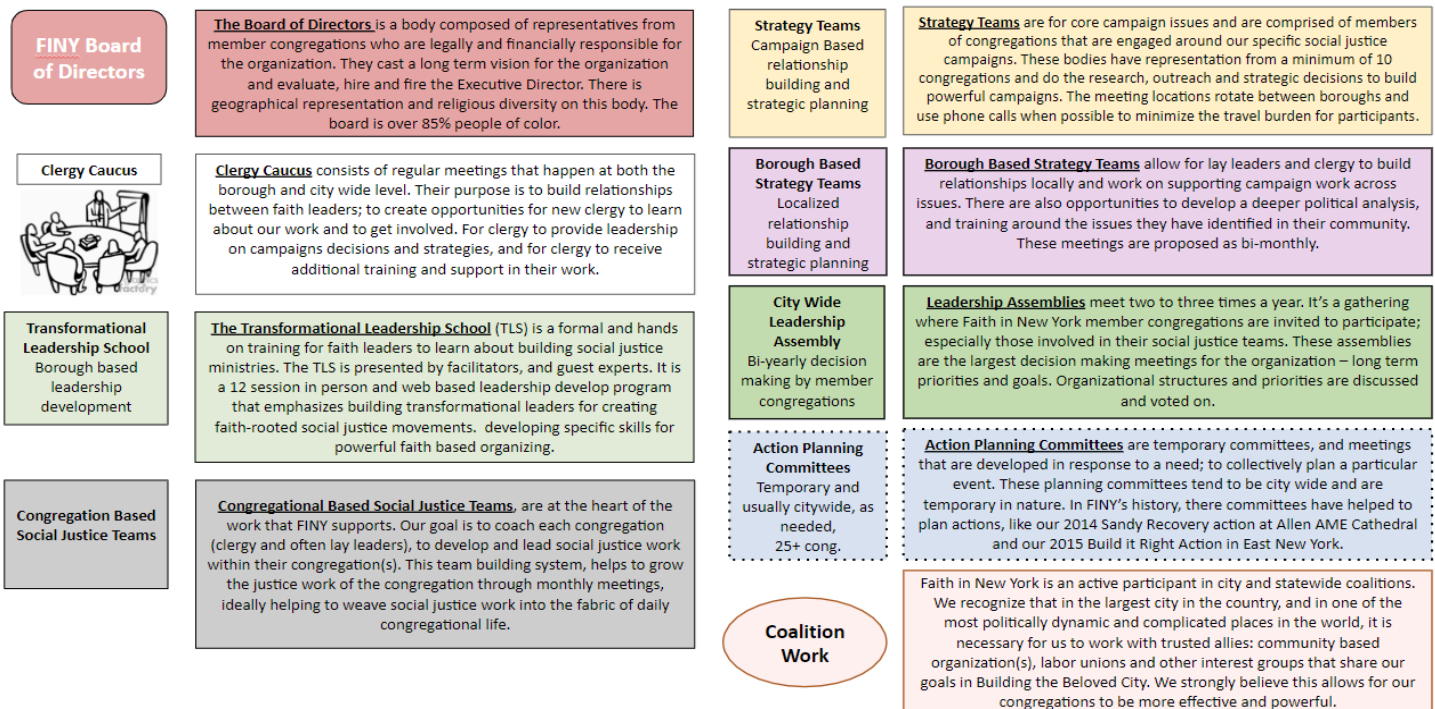
*Faith in New York: Our faith. Our voice. Our city.*

**Restorative Justice (Live Free):** Building power and agency in communities by reimagining public safety and increasing civic engagement. In addition, we seek to eradicate gun violence, mass incarceration, and mass criminalization: institutions and policies that contribute to the dehumanization of Black and Brown Americans.

**Youth Organizing:** Empowering youth to make systemic change in their communities by providing opportunities and training to build leadership skills, identity issues, policies, and elections in order to organize and advocate for meaningful social change.

**Communal Care:** Engaging spiritual and emotional health interfaith practices to care for the mental health well-being of our communities. We seek to foster a sense of solidarity and shared responsibility for the overall welfare of the community, promoting a collaborative and supportive environment.

## Member Leadership at Faith in New York



*Faith in New York is a Congregational and Individual membership-based organization with modest membership dues.*

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