



# THE WEEKLY REVIEW



## 2022 Kansas Legislative Session Updates

**Late-night deal rewrites Kansas public health laws on masks, vaccines and quarantines**  
*(KS Reflector, 5/5/2022)*

"If the bill should become law, government entities, except medical facilities, would not be allowed to require a vaccine passport or to discriminate based on vaccination status."

**Kansas governor signs bipartisan legislation creating tax incentive for housing construction**  
*(KS Reflector, 5/5/2022)*

"The tax credit administered by the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation and the Kansas Development Finance Authority would be capped at \$13 million annually. The law limited a qualified housing developer to use of the tax credit on 40 residential units per year."

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# Care of Creation

## Vacuuming carbon from the air could help stop climate change. Not everyone agrees

*(NPR, 5/2/2022)*

"Much of the technology to soak up carbon is still in its infancy. Some techniques can have significant impacts on the land. Some climate activists argue it's a risky distraction and that it would give the fossil fuel industry a free pass to keep operating."



## Press bishops to commit to net-zero dioceses, climate panel urges young Catholics

*(EarthBeat, 5/3/2022)*

"A study last year by researchers at Creighton University that reviewed 12,000 bishop columns from 2014 to 2019 – a period spanning one year before and four after Pope Francis issued his encyclical 'Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home" – found less than 1%, or 93, mentioned climate change. In contrast, bishops addressed issues of religious freedom and abortion more than 1,500 times."

## God's own gardens: why churchyards are some of our wildest nature sites

*(The Guardian, 5/6/2022)*

"Beyond the churchyards, religious institutions are increasingly calling for world leaders to take action for the climate and nature. The Church of England has pledged to reach net zero emissions by 2030. With the support of A Rocha UK, more than 2,200 churches in England and Wales ran "Climate Sunday" sermons in the lead up to Cop26."

# Human Trafficking

## Events

- Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls

### US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter

(May 2022)

"FOCUS: This issue focuses on the National Center on Sexual Exploitation's annual Dirty Dozen list."

### How to spot human trafficking during large events like the Kentucky Derby

(WFPL News, 5/4/2022)

"For almost two years in a row, the majority of children hurt by human trafficking was in Louisville, Ky. However, the past two years, the highest number has been in the northern Bluegrass area."





**The climate crisis is increasingly  
a refugee crisis, faith  
resettlement groups say**

*(EarthBeat, 4/30/2022)*

"For more than 80 years, LIRS has helped resettle refugees and other people displaced by conflict and persecution around the globe. Increasingly, those people have been displaced, in whole or in part, because of climate disasters. But there are, as of yet, few pathways to protection for climate-displaced persons, also known as climate refugees."

**Why Judges Are Basically in Charge of U.S. Immigration Policy Now**

*(TIME, 5/4/2022)*

"Giving judges so much power to determine immigration policy also puts the U.S. judicial system in a delicate spot, Yale-Loehr says. Federal judges are often wary of being drawn into issues of national sovereignty or of ruling in a way that impinges on the executive branch's authority to conduct foreign policy. But, these days, they often have no choice."

**How humanitarian parole works, and why so many Afghan families are waiting to  
be reunited**

*(PBS News, 5/5/2022)*

"In April, the U.S. launched a fast-tracked parole program for Ukrainians fleeing Russia's war. The new pathway, in contrast to humanitarian parole, does not require any application fees, and those who already applied for humanitarian parole before the new process was created can withdraw the forms they filed and be refunded."

# Seeking Racial Justice

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## The story behind Asian Pacific American Heritage, and why it's celebrated in May

*(NPR, 5/2/2022)*

"This year's theme, selected by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council, is "Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration," which builds on a leadership advancement theme series that began last year."



## Anna Malaika Tubbs: The forgotten mothers of civil rights history

*(NPR, 5/6/2022)*

TED Radio Hour:

"MLK Jr., Malcolm X and James Baldwin are household names, but what about their mothers? This hour, author Anna Malaika Tubbs explores how these three women shaped American history."

## How an algorithm that screens for child neglect could harden racial disparities

*(PBS News, 4/29/2022)*

"If the tool had acted on its own to screen in a comparable rate of calls, it would have recommended that two-thirds of Black children be investigated, compared with about half of all other children reported, according to another study published last month and co-authored by a researcher who audited the county's algorithm."

# Advocacy & Action



## NETWORK:

### Tell Congress: Extend the Child Tax Credit!

"There is a solution to the child poverty crisis that we have already tried and know works: an expanded, fully refundable, and monthly Child Tax Credit. In December 2021, when monthly Child Tax Credit payments were still in effect, they lifted nearly 4 million children out of poverty and reduced child hunger by over 25%.

The numbers do not lie, the expanded, fully refundable monthly Child Tax Credit payments helped families put food on the table and pay their bills."

## Sister of the Good Shepherd:

### Urge your Representative and Senators to support the Fair Housing for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Survivors

#### Act of 2021

"This bill would establish survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and sex trafficking as protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, creating a clear standard across the country that survivors cannot be evicted or penalized for being victims of those crimes."