

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



### Reminder: MAJR General Meeting

Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30

Christ Congregational Church

9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

### MAJR meets to discuss next steps after Maryland criminal justice "milestone"

After our success with the Justice Reinvestment Act ("JRA")—labeled "a milestone," the "most important" Maryland legislation of 2016, expected to save tax funds, to improve public safety, and to make corrections more equitable "for decades"- what do we do next?



*MAJR members joined a large crowd of supporters as the Governor signed the Justice Reinvestment Act on May 19 in Annapolis.*

Join us and we'll talk about JRA's unfinished business at [Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform \(MAJR\) next general meeting on Tuesday, 6/21/15, at Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring, Md.](#) Potluck at 6:30, Business at 7pm. Directions are below. **MAJR members can offer crucial support to**

## **continue the progress we've begun!**

Gaps in JRA reforms that still await solutions include:

- pretrial/bail,
- solitary confinement,
- unaddressed mental health needs and
- inmates' education.

Plus, MAJR needs to monitor and report on state boards' meetings as they plan crucial details of how to implement JRA guidelines—as to mediation, probation, parole, reentry and more.

(For a short [summary of JRA's main provisions](#) and [links to its text](#), see MAJR's website -[www.ma4jr.org](http://www.ma4jr.org).)

Our 6/21 meeting will begin with a potluck dinner—come at 6:30 and bring your favorite food! At 7pm we will begin our discussions of our next steps. We also will review MAJR's committee structure to ensure it meets our needs. And we will offer the opportunity for volunteers to sign up for workgroups and pursue the issue(s) that matter most to them.

We hope to see you then on 6/21! If you have questions, call Pat Schenck at [410-263-4529](tel:410-263-4529).

Please pass this along to your networks. Thanks!

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### **Directions to Christ Congregational Church, UCC**

9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901 [301-593-8010](tel:301-593-8010)

**From Annapolis or Baltimore**, get on the Washington Beltway (I-495) headed toward Silver Spring (west). Exit at Exit 30, south to Silver Spring on Colesville Road/Route 29.

**From Bethesda**, take the Beltway east to Silver Spring. Exit on Exit 30B, south to Silver Spring on Colesville Road / Route 29.

When entering Colesville Road from the Beltway, cross immediately to the left lane and turn left at Brewster Avenue. (If you come to the light at Franklin, you have gone too far.) The church parking lot is the first left after you turn on Brewster. Park in the lot, or in the overflow lot through the parking lot to Indian Spring Ave. to that alternative parking lot. You can also park on Brewster Ave. or Indian Spring Ave.

Enter the church from the main parking lot in the rear of the church. Enter

through doors under the arcade. From the church foyer, come to the second floor (stairs or elevator) to the Conference Room, a large room with lots of windows just above the entrance from the parking lot. Food can be put on tables in the hall area outside the Conference Room.

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MAJR is a nonpartisan association of over thirty community organizations and churches with members in every part of the state, formed to support justice reinvestment. Individual supporters include judges, attorneys, corrections professionals, as well as returning citizens, victims, and service providers.

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