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A Conversation on
Shareholder Engagement

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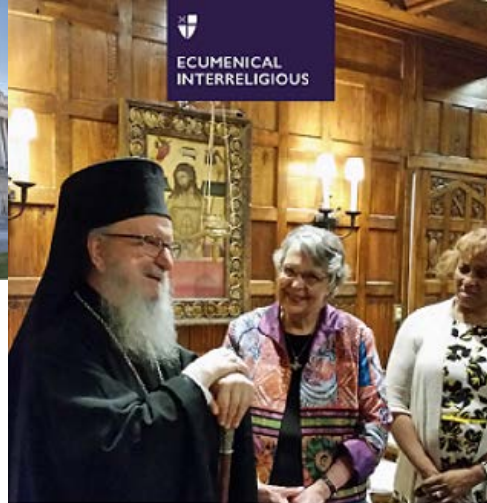


Equip.




Engage.

Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church



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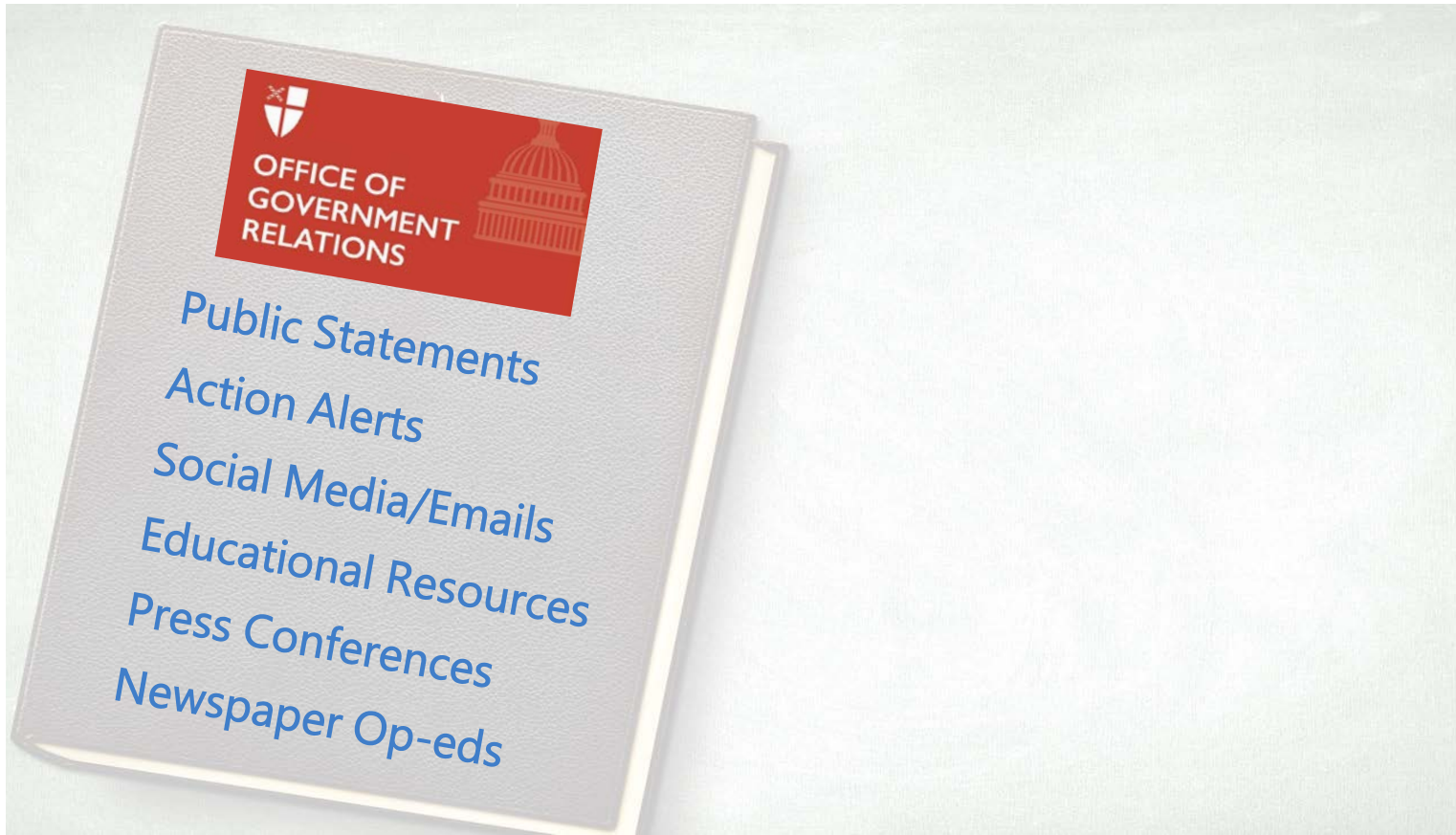
Policy Alert

Support Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization **November 2, 1999**

General Convention 1994 "condemn[ed] violence against women in all its forms."

In 1994, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This law has made a difference in thousands of women's lives. It has provided grants to bolster prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse; increased victim services; increased resources for law enforcement; and created a National Domestic Violence Hotline. Funding for programs through VAWA '94 is due to expire at the end of this year. Religious-based agencies, which serve a large percentage of families in need, depend on a strong commitment by the federal government to support the special needs of domestic violence victims.

Reps. Connie Morella (R-MD) and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) introduced H.R. 1248, the VAWA Reauthorization bill to continue funding for these important programs that have been instrumental in combating the epidemic of violence in the lives of women and girls. **Please call Lloyd Doggett at 1-800-505-0145 and urge Congress to promptly consider H.R. 1248.**







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Faith Leaders Urge President Trump to Reconsider Punitive Cuba Policies

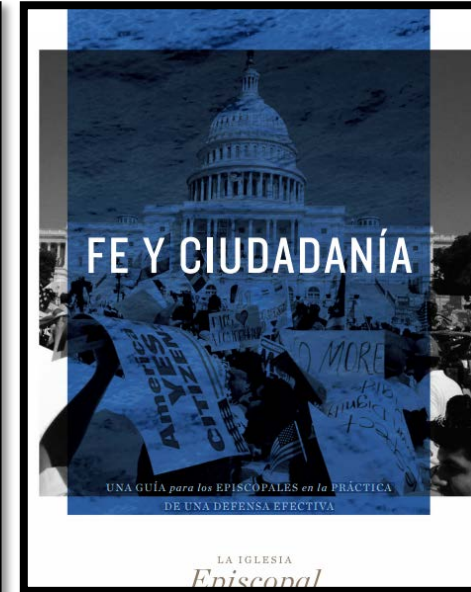
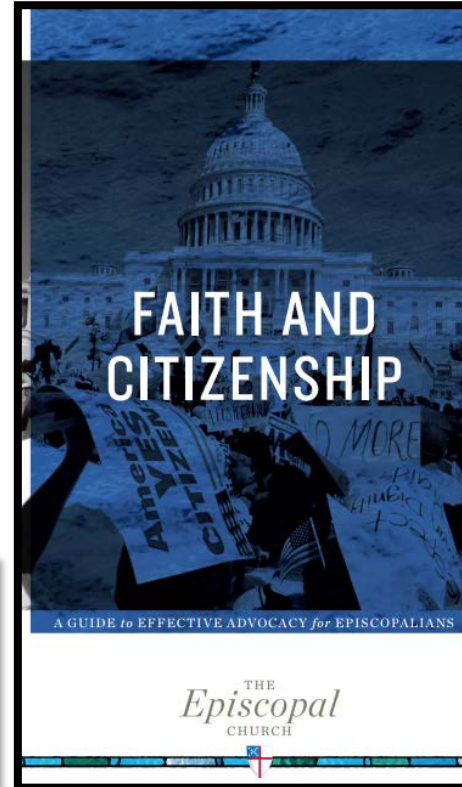
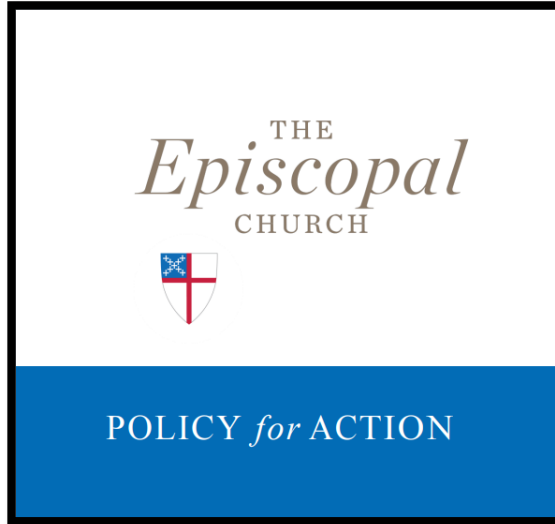
Summary of General Convention Resolutions on Abortion and Women's Reproductive Health

Episcopal Church, ELCA, and US Conference of Catholic Bishops issue joint statement on East Jerusalem Hospitals

November 1, 2018

Tools for Advocacy

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Inform legislation
before it is introduced

Private meetings –
quiet diplomacy

Find bill co-sponsors

Work in coalitions

Offer welcome
and gratitude

Inform policy
debate with expert
and regional voices

Maintain
relationships and
political government
officials

Build and strengthen
Congressional
relationships

Why advocate to the government?

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"Speak out for those who cannot
speak, for the rights of the destitute

Scripture

Speak out, judge righteously, defend
the rights of the poor and needy."
-Proverbs 31:8-9



Why advocate to the government?



One in 20 bags of food assistance in the U.S.

Scale

comes from a charitable organization
– the federal government provides
the rest.

Why advocate to the government?

1. Immigration and Refugees

Authority

2. Foreign Policy

3. Civil Rights Protections



Policy Areas



Creation Care

Ending Poverty

Racial Reconciliation

Migration, Refugees &
Immigration

Human Rights &
Peacebuilding

Opioids



Human Trafficking and Ending Modern Slavery

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Justin-welby-pope-francis.jpg, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, 6 Oct. 2016, <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-and-writing/articles/archbishop-justins-address-pope-francis>

Creation Care

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Urge Congress to Oppose Changes to Shareholder Proposal Process

Forty-seven years ago, The Episcopal Church was the first faith-based institutional investor to file a shareholder resolution on a moral issue. The Church, in partnership with the [Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility](#), has continued to file resolutions to urge corporate accountability on environmental, social, and governance issues.

Today we are concerned about efforts by corporate interests to undermine a critical mechanism for corporate accountability: the process for shareholders to propose resolutions. On May 22nd, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) [announced](#) that it is considering changing rules on the use of proxy advisory firms and the thresholds for consideration of shareholder proposals. We



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