

Media Advisory:

[Today's Date]

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[Name of Town or Church] [Resident(s) or Congregant(s)] To Lobby Congress for a Faithful Budget

[NAME OF TOWN] — Beginning Friday, March 23 through Monday, March 26, a delegation from [name of town or congregation] will take part in 2012 Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C. Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, to strengthen Christian voices and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

The highlight of the three-day gathering will be the release of a Faithful Budget. The Faithful Budget promotes comprehensive and compassionate budget principles that will “protect the common good, values each individual and his or her livelihood, and helps lift the burden on the poor, rather than increasing it while shielding the wealthiest from any additional sacrifice.”

On Monday, March 26, EAD participants will deliver the Faithful Budget to their Senators and Members of Congress, and lobby for restoring economic opportunity, ensuring adequate resources for shared priorities, prioritizing human security, meeting immediate needs, accepting intergenerational responsibility, environmental reform, access to health care, and the role of government.

The Faithful Budget was spearheaded by a coalition of leading Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith-based organizations affiliated with many of the major religious denominational movements.

The Faithful Budget is a continuation of the Faithful Budget Campaign, an effort launched in July by the religious community during the height of the congressional debt ceiling battle to lift up faithful voices on behalf of the nation's most vulnerable in order to encourage the administration and Congress to maintain a robust commitment to domestic and international poverty assistance programs.

Additional details about the Faithful Budget Campaign can be found at www.faithfulbudget.org.

Who:

[Names of the individuals or a summary of the delegation participating]

What:

A delegation from [name of town or congregation] will take part in 2012 Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C. and will ask members of Congress and the Senate to pass a Faithful Budget.

When:

Friday, March 23 – Monday, March 26, 2012

Meeting with U.S. Representatives and Senators on Monday, March 26, 2012

Where:

Washington, D.C.

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