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MISSION

Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

Learn more about our mission at AdvocacyDays.org/about.

COME TO WASHINGTON

Our annual National Gathering provides participants with tools to be effective Christian witnesses to justice, peace and the integrity of creation around carefully chosen issues of national and international importance. Incorporating music, art, worship, education and social activities, the weekend event informs and engages the participating advocates in a comprehensive way. Activities include a series of interactive plenary sessions and workshops addressing aspects of the issue on a global scale. There are also advocacy skills training experiences and networking opportunities by state and denomination, preparing advocate groups for a focused Lobby Day conversation with their Members of Congress and Senators on the basis of a specific "Legislative Ask," which is carefully prepared by policy experts and articulates solid policy rooted in our common Christian social justice traditions.



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#EAD2019 National Gathering

Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World

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In 2019, we gather at a time in which people of faith and conscience are again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up **#GoodTrouble** for the sake of God's kingdom.

The history of engaging in **#GoodTrouble** is embedded in our faith tradition and our history as a nation and in the world. In the Bible, we read stories of the midwives who resisted Pharaoh and preserved the lives of Hebrew baby boys. We see Moses challenging the authority of Pharaoh, and Jesus overturn tables run by money changers. Throughout our U.S. history, Native peoples resisted land theft and cultural assimilation by European settlers through many forms of resistance. That spiritual resistance was especially pronounced in spirituals sung by those dehumanized by slavery. "Wade in the Water," and other spirituals were messages of lament, hope and courage. They also included instructions on how to get to freedom. Years later, leaders such as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and John Lewis drew on these same spirituals for inspiration as they stirred up **#GoodTrouble** in their time.

Today, we are deeply *troubled* by what we see in the world. The 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference will draw on **#GoodTrouble** pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational and training workshops, and advocacy, we will beckon the Spirit to "Trouble the Waters" as depicted in John 5:1-9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world. Join us as we envision and train for new ways to stir up **#GoodTrouble** for the healing of all God's children.

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