2020 National Gathering & Congressional Lobby Day
Friday, April 24 - Monday, April 27, 2020
Washington, D.C.

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#EAD2020
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.

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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.

Faith-Based Advocacy ~ Education for Justice ~ Worship ~ Networking
Around the world, the most marginalized communities disproportionately affected by hunger, poverty, and the structural history of colonialism and racism are experiencing the impacts of the climate crisis most profoundly. Women and children in these communities suffer the most.

Earth and its people are groaning and calling for us to respond in hope. We are all affected. Temperatures are rising dramatically and dangerously everywhere, disrupting ecological systems and every type of human activity. The generations of tomorrow depend on what we do today.

EAD 2020 will explore the intersection of climate change and economic injustice. This will galvanize our advocacy on behalf of policies and programs to chip away at the systems of oppression that keep people in poverty and push all life on earth to the brink of destruction.

2020 will be a pivotal year for the United States, and the world, with a U.S. general election that will set the course for many years ahead. As people of faith, we see the political reality of this time. Yet we also hold hope for a time yet to come when all people, regardless of race, gender, economic status, ability, or age will realize the full vision of God’s desire for a just community and a flourishing Earth.

To advance this vision, we are called to speak out for justice – climate justice and economic justice. Join us at EAD 2020 to imagine and advocate for an Earth and its people restored.

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