

# Healing & Justice

## Episcopalian Ministries: Office of Government Relations



### Prayer for our Country

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts, give understanding and integrity that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

### Actions

Sign up for Action Alerts with the OGR, then from this website, send emails to your elected officials

[Action Alerts – The Episcopal Church](#)



#### Make Me an Instrument 5-week course

No matter how far apart two sides are, there are effective strategies to bring people together, this course shows us how. Designed by The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and its Department of Faith Formation, Make Me an Instrument is a free, 5-week course designed to help us bridge the divides that keep us from moving forward. Taught by a team of experts in civil discourse, this course includes these five classes:

- \*Civil Discourse in Context with Ranjit Matthews
- \*Tenets for Civil Discourse with Shannon Kelly
- \*Values-Based Conversations with Alan Yarborough

\*The Complexities of Policy with Rebecca Linder Blachy

\*Sacred Space for Debate with Marcus Halley

<https://www.churchnext.tv/library/make-me-an-instrument-of-peace-a-guide-to-civil-discourse-50272/109669/about/>

## Books/Writings

[Episcopalians. Anglicans have been involved in political actions for decades – Episcopal News Service](#)



[OGR Advocacy Newsletter April 2022 – The Episcopal Church](#)

## Film/Video

**VOTE**  
*faithfully*

[Voting Rights for a Faithful Democracy \(ASL\) - YouTube](#)

The 2020 U.S. elections had the highest voter turnout in over one hundred years. The federal government and most states judged this election one of the most secure in electoral history. However, a significant number of legislative initiatives were launched immediately following the election to make voting 'more secure' through restrictions ranging from limiting vote-by-mail to Sunday voting.

The efforts to restrict voting rights are advancing quickly across the U.S. Join the CEEP Network and our partner The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations for this digital workshop on protecting and guaranteeing voting rights. Our panelists will discuss federal legislation under consideration that would restore elements of the 1965 Voting Rights Act struck down by the judiciary. Proposed legislation would also create a baseline standard for voting access across the country. ([episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org))

## Listening Opportunities



Weekly Network Calls: Join the Office of Government Relations for a 30-minute, weekly conversation about the policies and legislation we are advocating for. This is a chance to take part in a conversation on advocacy asks, the political environment, and the legislative outlook. Thursdays, 1:00-1:30pm ET, registration required.

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctcuiurTkiH91mTd0\\_Ky9LI4\\_PW0vOPOg1](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctcuiurTkiH91mTd0_Ky9LI4_PW0vOPOg1)

## Websites for further explorations

[Office Government Relations – The Episcopal Church](#)

These resources were curated by the Healing & Justice Ministry at the Church of the Ascension. Please see our website for links and more information.



## Works Cited