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## **Advocating Faith Communities**

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy advocates with and through a network of **Advocating Faith Communities**. These Communities are churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, seminary and undergraduate faith groups and other social justice organizations committed to partnering with each other and with the Virginia Interfaith Center for more effective advocacy.

### **The Virginia Interfaith Center provides Advocating Faith Communities with:**

- Resources, training and strategy for effective advocacy;
- Skilled staff members for preaching and teaching;
- Opportunities to communicate and collaborate with other congregations and faith communities across the state;
- Regular legislative updates and alerts via email;
- Representation in the halls of the General Assembly (and occasionally Congress);
- Opportunities to communicate directly with legislators, including our annual Day for All People interfaith advocacy day (Jan. 25, 2017);
- Assistance in coordinating public or community forums.

### **Advocating Faith Communities commit to at least three of the following activities:**

#### **Education**

- Invite staff or board members from the Virginia Interfaith Center to teach and/or preach in your faith community;
- Convene an advocacy study group related to your tradition's scriptures or important texts;
- Host a community forum (and invite elected officials) on a critical social issue.

#### **Public Witness**

- Collect an offering of letters from members to legislators on one of Virginia Interfaith Center's priority issues;
- Send members to the Day for All People interfaith advocacy day in Richmond (next occurring on Jan. 25, 2017);
- Help organize or attend marches, rallies, or other courageous public actions.

#### **Financial Support**

- Attend VICPP's annual awards dinner and fundraising event;
- Make the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy a line item in your faith community's budget
- Collect a special offering for the Virginia Interfaith Center.