

Let our voices of faith be heard!

National Call-in Days

June 22-24, 2009

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-888-797-8717



The time is NOW!

Health care reform is moving quickly:

- **JUNE:** Bills will be introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate by early June.
- **JULY:** It is anticipated that the bills will pass in their respective houses by mid to late July, perhaps earlier.
- **AUG-SEPT:** From late Summer through early Fall, conferences and hearings will be held to resolve the differences in the House and Senate bills.
- **LATE 2009:** Health care reform will be passed.

Faith voices are more important than ever!

Health care reform is going to happen this year. What that reform looks like will depend on who has the ear of our elected leaders. If we want a health care system that reflects our faith-inspired values, it will be up to us to communicate those values.

Let's overwhelm the Capitol Switchboard with calls that promote compassion, the common good, shared responsibility, concern for those who are vulnerable, and faithful stewardship of our abundant health care resources!

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You will be connected to the Capitol Switchboard. Ask for the office of one of your Senators or Representative, and then ask to speak to the health care staff person.

(SEE MESSAGE TIPS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET!)

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Faithful Reform in Health Care invites faith groups to circulate and use this toll-free number in support of non-partisan federal goals, providing that the alerts are not linked to a website soliciting donations or actions which may be used to support partisan lobbying or work.

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Sample faith-inspired messages:

Introduction: Hello. My name is _____, and I am a member of [name of your congregation / community of faith] in [city], [state].

Content: [Pick ONE statement from below. The statement may need to be adapted based on what you know about the Senator's/Representative's view on this issue.]

I believe that:

- **In the sacred act of creation**, we are blessed with the talents, wisdom and abundant resources necessary to meet each other's needs. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to promote legislation that demonstrates good stewardship and distributes our health care resources effectively, efficiently, and fairly.
- **Health care is a shared responsibility** that is grounded in our common humanity. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support legislation that demonstrates our care for one another, promotes human dignity, and shows compassion by protecting those who are most vulnerable.
- **Humanity is sacred.** I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support health care legislation that contributes to our health and wholeness, so that we can live out our fullest potential as individuals and as contributing members of society.
- **As spiritual and sacred vessels**, we are responsible for the care of our bodies to the best of our ability, AND for the care of one another regardless of individual circumstances. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support health care legislation in which individuals and institutions work in partnership to ensure our physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Conclusion: Please urge the Senator/Representative do all he/she can to make sure that legislation is passed THIS YEAR for a health care future that includes everyone and works well for all of us. (If you already know he/she is supportive, acknowledge that!) Thank you!

Tracking the phone calls

Faithful Reform in Health Care is gathering information about faith-inspired activities around health care reform between now and the end of June.

If your organization is participating in these call-in days, please let us know that. If you are using a different toll-free number, please report the number of calls made by your members to JuneAction@faithfulreform.org.