



# HOLY RECOVERY

HEALING AND REPAIRING OUR COMMUNITIES

**FAITH**  
IN PUBLIC LIFE  
ACTION

## INTRODUCTION

We believe that a life of dignity and flourishing is what God wants for all of us. We all deserve to rest assured at the end of the day that the people we love have everything they need. Our elected leaders have a moral responsibility to enact economic policies that lay the foundation for a flourishing life – and democracy is how we hold them accountable to this moral duty. When we the people have the power to determine who represents us, we can secure public investments that help us all provide for our families and hold our heads high.

Together, as a faith community, we must push Congress to pass laws that fulfill these and build a holy recovery.

To make holy recovery happen, we need to join together and turn the tables. Like a chorus, when we lift our voices together we create an inspiring message that cannot be ignored. By speaking out as one, we create momentum and pressure for holy recovery.

### How to use this resource

Use this resource to inspire people to take action that helps pass policies that promote justice for all. You know your community best – please feel free to adapt what’s here to resonate with your faith and audience.

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## → CALENDAR

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### May Senate Recess Dates

- May 31 – Jun 4

### May Holy Recovery Events

- May 20th Kick-Off Webinar
- May 27th Twitter Chat

### May National Holidays

- May 31 Memorial Day

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### June Senate Recess Dates

- May 31 – Jun 4
- Jun 28 – Jul 9

### June Holy Recovery Events

- June 3 Economic Justice Call-in Day
- June 4 + 17 Advocacy Training
- June 10 Messaging Training
- June 15 For the People Act Call-in Day
- June 24 Senate Recess Rally

### June National Holidays

- June 19th Juneteenth

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### July Senate Recess Dates

- Jun 28 – Jul 9

### July National Holidays

- July 4th Independence Day

Event dates may change. For the most up to date calendar, check [www.fplaction.com/holyrecovery](http://www.fplaction.com/holyrecovery)

## → MESSAGING GUIDE

As a faith leader, you are a trusted messenger to your community. Faith leaders can powerfully communicate that in order to *love our neighbors* we – including Congress – must support change now. Use these issue guides to frame your message and highlight key legislation as you address your community and elected leaders. Say what is true to you and your community.

**Narrative:** We seek a holy recovery – policies that reflect the simple truth that a strong democracy and an economy that allows all to flourish go hand in hand. When the people are free to choose who writes our laws, we can create policies that help us all thrive. God desires flourishing and dignity for us all, and we all have a role in pushing our government to pass policies that honor these values.

### Revenue + American Jobs and Family Plan

#### Problem

A well-connected wealthy few dodge paying their fair share of taxes while we badly need new government investment in schools, roads, broadband, healthcare and childcare. They buy political influence to keep their taxes obscenely low as they grow richer than ever. This sinful greed harms us all.

#### Solution

The American Jobs and Family Plan reasonably increases taxes on the richest Americans' inheritances, stock sales and income to pay for investments we all need to build a better life. Making those who benefit the most from our infrastructure pay their fair share is a matter of justice.

### Care + American Jobs and Family Plan

#### Problem

The cost of childcare and healthcare, and the lack of paid family leave at work, are a crisis that leaves families in an impossible bind. At the same time childcare workers and in-home care providers, who are disproportionately women of color, are grossly underpaid for their essential work. Our infrastructure of support for working families is out of date.

#### Solution

Politicians who talk about supporting working families and overcoming racism need to walk the walk by supporting the American Jobs and Family Plan, which not only enacts a national paid leave plan, but also gives a badly needed raise to the workers who keep our families safe and well. This is a matter of dignity.

## Citizenship for All

### Problem

The pandemic showed us more clearly than ever that immigrants are essential to our communities and workplaces, but are exploited and neglected. Immigrant families have lost thousands of loved ones who had no choice but to keep working in deadly conditions.

### Solution

As we build a holy recovery, we must ensure that the millions of people who have immigrated to this country and endured so much can become citizens. Congress must include a path to citizenship in the American Jobs and Family Plan. For our recovery to be holy, it must be inclusive.

## Democracy + For the People Act

### Problem

A handful of politicians who serve only the wealthiest few are putting up barriers to voting that intentionally target Black and Brown voters. Rather than try to win voters over with policies that build a holy recovery, these politicians are trying to stop us from casting ballots.

### Solution

Enacting economic policies that help us all flourish depend on the freedom to vote. We must join together across race, place, religion and class to make sure all of us can cast a ballot freely. The Senate must immediately pass the For the People Act, which takes down barriers to voting and protects every voter's freedom to cast a ballot safely.

## How to Frame Your Message

### Don't Say

- ✗ Lay out a laundry list of issues and policies.
- ✗ Portray policies as a radical reimagining of the economy.
- ✗ Evoke restoring an idealized past.

### Do Say

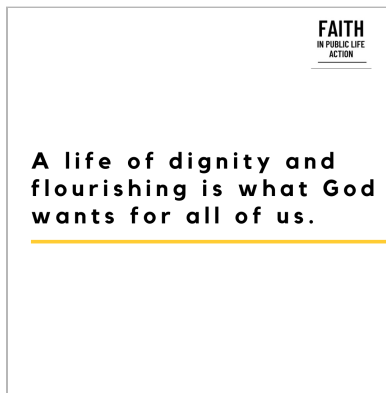
- ✓ Weave issues together as part of the same story.
- ✓ Portray policies as common-sense solutions that make a real difference in people's lives.
- ✓ Evoke a future in which we all flourish.

## → SOCIAL MEDIA & GRAPHICS

We invite you to copy, paste and share the social media content below. Remember to use #HolyRecovery and tag your elected representatives.

- Our communities need democracy reform and economic justice to be able to heal and grow. A #HolyRecovery means putting our faith into action and building communities that affirm human dignity and bolster those struggling against the weight of inequality and injustice.
- As people of faith we believe that every person should be invested in and have a voice in our democracy. When everyone has a seat at the table, we create a democracy that truly reflects us and our values. It's time for our nation to make a #HolyRecovery.
- Our country was founded on immoral principles that excluded people of color, lgbtq communities, and religious minorities – communities that are still being left behind today. It's time for our nation to make a #HolyRecovery.
- We need a big, bold plan to ensure that all people have the resources they need to thrive in this nation. Add your name to tell congress that we need a #HolyRecovery for all. #DemocracyReform #EconomicJustice

[Download these graphics here:](#)



## → SETTING UP A LEGISLATIVE MEETING

### 1. Identify your Senator

- Search for your Senator using the [Senate directory](#).
- Review their issue positions, [committee assignments](#), and [voting record](#)

### 2. Request a meeting

- Check your Senator's website for specific instructions on how to set up a meeting. Most Senator's have a website form to request meetings. If not, call their office to be directed to the best person to process your request to.
- In your request, be sure to include
  - Your name and address
  - The issues you would like to discuss
  - The local office you want to visit
  - The dates that you can meet
- If you do not hear back within a week, follow up by email or phone.

### 3. Prepare your talking points and resources

- You may not have long with your Senator, so make sure to prepare an agenda.
- Come prepared with questions and a clear ask for your Senator.
- Sharing your personal story and lived experiences are a good way to show your representative how an issue impacts people's lives.
- Don't bring more than a couple of documents to give to the legislator.

### 4. During the meeting

- Remember to introduce yourself.
- It's okay to say "I don't know" or "I'm not sure." You can offer to find out and provide that information in a follow-up email.
- Engage your representative in discussion. Offer your point of view and make clear asks, but also be sure to ask questions and listen to their answers.

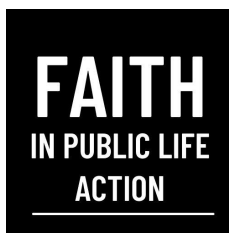
### 5. Send a thank you note

- Send a personalized thank-you to your representative soon after your meeting. Thank them for taking the time to meet with you and re-iterate the asks that you made in your meeting.

## → WRITING AN OP-ED

Placing an Op-Ed in a local news outlet (online or in print) is an effective way to reach a large and broad audience. Write what is true to you and your community; be specific and use examples that are timely and relevant. Use the op-ed outline below to get started.

1. Begin by **sharing your faith values** and how they are relevant to your position
2. **Share tangible and specific examples** of how current events are affecting our everyday lives. Tailor this to your audience.
3. Make your main argument and **explain why your audience should adopt your position.**
4. Give a clear **call to action.**
5. End with a **hopeful yet urgent** message



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