

Disciples Pray & Act with Dreamers #Faith4Dream



Eureka College students show their support for dreamers

Advocating for the Dream Act (S. 1615 / H.R. 3440) is putting the faithful call to love our neighbors into action. Congress must hear from us every week until Congress passes a clean Dream Act with a pathway to citizenship. See here for background: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/refugee-

immigration-ministries/immigrants/

Invite Dreamers to Your Holiday Meals:

- Use our Dreamers Welcome at the Table toolkit to build personal relationships with dreamers and inform your community about dreamer concerns at: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/RIM-DREAMERS-WELCOME-AT-THE-TABLE-Disciples-TOOLKIT-Dec1417.pdf
- 2. See these stories of dreamers to share at your meals to build awareness and friendships: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Dreamer-Voices-Disciples-Welcome-at-the-TableupdateDec1317.pdf
- 3. Hold Bible Studies about the importance of the Table, and then invite dreamers to share their voices in person, or through using the stories above! https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/RIM-Table-Disciples-Bible-Study-11Nov17.pdf

Plan Dream Sabbath Events

LETTERS To The Editor

- Use the Interfaith Immigration Coalition's <u>Dream Sabbath toolkit</u> to plan #Faith4Dream events throughout the weeks ahead: http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Dream-Sabbath-2017-4-FINAL-09.108.17.docx. Incorporate Dreamers' stories and solidarity into your faith-led advocacy, worship services, scripture study, educational events, vigils, and public witness.
- 2. Consider connecting with local Dreamers and holding a vigil on your <u>college or university campus</u>: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/CAMPUS-Solidarity-with-DREAMERS-Prayer-Vigil.pdf in support of the Dream Act.
- 3. Remember to invite your Members of Congress and their staff to attend the events!
- 4. Print signs https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/refugee-immigration-ministries/immigrants/ including the Disciples one above and others to visibly demonstrate your faith support at all your actions.

Write for Media -- Elevate the public call by publishing a letter to the editor before December 8 in support of the Dream Act of 2017 (H.R. 3440, S. 1615).

- 1. Include your faith tradition, scriptural grounding, and congregational affiliation to demonstrate your connection to the community.
 - 2. Call on your Member of Congress to work to pass the Dream Act of 2017.
- 3. Find a draft letter to the editor & local media outlets to submit your letter to here. Then contact sstanley@dhm.disciples.org so we can share your letter!

Faith leaders are invited to write <u>longer opinion editorials</u>, especially in TN, ME, NV, ND, UT, AZ, OH, FL, SC, NJ, PA, and NY. If you are a faith leader and would like support writing, pitching, or placing a faith leader piece, please reach out to Sharon at <u>sstanley@dhm.disciples.org</u>.



Sign this Letter -- Faith leaders can also sign a letter in support of the Dream Act that we will deliver to Congress.

Urge Your Members of Congress to Support the Dream Act of 2017!

Call 1-866-940-2439



Sample Script: I'm your constituent from [*City, State*]. As a person of faith, I support Dreamers. I strongly oppose President's Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. DACA has provided nearly 800,000 immigrant youth the opportunity to work, raise a family, and pursue their dreams. Congress must do everything in your power to protect immigrant youth - I am calling to urge the [*Senator/Representative*] to support a clean passage of the Dream Act of 2017 (S.1615 / H.R.3440).

CONGRESS *

Call 3 times to connect to your 1 Representative and 2 Senators.

Tell us at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KM8CKNN if you take action!

Join the Virtual Prayer Chain



Take over social media with our prayers with Dreamers

for the passage of the clean Dream Act:

My name is	and I'm		(faith
tradition). I am from	_	_ (city, state). I	pray
with Dreamers for the Dream Act			
because			

2. Upload your video to **Twitter** with the hashtag

#Faith4Dream, tag Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries (@StanleyRea) and the Interfaith Immigration Coalition (@interfaithimm), and <u>tweet</u> at your members of Congress. Find twitter handles here: https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members?lang=en.

3. Post the video to **Instagram** and **Facebook** with **#Faith4Dream**. Make the post public on Facebook

and tag Interfaith Immigration Coalition and your members of Congress!

Plan a Visit to Your In-District Member Offices

Schedule visits to meet with your legislators during their in-district recess, or meet with their staff before DACA ends on March 5th! Key states are FL, TN, AZ, OH, PA, NY, NJ, KY, NC, OK, AK, CA, IN, IL & MI. **All visits are important.** Fill out this <u>form</u> if you're interested in leading or joining a meeting with other faith partners.



Track Our Impact Together!

Demonstrate the faith communities' power around the country by putting your planned event, media piece, or in-district advocacy visit on the map: bit.ly/DreamSabbathMap or email your event information to nandersen@cwsglobal.org or sstanley@dhm.disciples.org.

Find more resources at: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/refugee-immigration-ministries/immigrants/ & http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/dream. For help, contact:

Rev. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Director, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries, 202-957-7826, sstanley@dhm.disciples.org.