

Challenging Churches: A Roadmap for Justice Action

1. Choose a topic of upcoming legislation to commit to educating and acting upon.
For example, from *Protect Our National Forests from Unregulated Logging*,
<https://5calls.org/issue/national-forest-public-land-logging-deforestation/> [5 Calls](#).
(This topic has an intergenerational draw for environmental protection).

Other topics:

The Medicaid and SNAP funding cuts

USDA canceled funding for food banks nationwide

-Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid to fund tax giveaways

-Protect DEI initiatives (combat ageism/ableism)

-VA system changes

-Tariffs and food prices-affecting disproportionately those on fixed incomes

-Museum and library services cut - access to internet to apply for benefits

-Decreased workforce of Social Security Administration

2. Make an action plan.

For example, speak as one voice by sharing information on a specific aspect at the beginning of each month.

Invite other community and faith groups to join.

3. Create a Call to Action page to post on the church website and e-newsletter including:
the topic, a pertinent Bible verse, a prayer for meditation, (people may want to join in prayer, but not necessarily make phone calls), a concrete way to engage in the work (letter writing, phone calls), and an action goal or challenge. For example, encourage members to make a certain number of calls using a provided script. Share how to contact your representatives' offices. ([5 Calls](#): has a helpful guide.)
3. Share the monthly justice theme in worship as a Minute for Mission, and ask your pastor to participate by sharing a relevant sermon topic.

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