



# FAITH ACTION NETWORK

*A Partnership for the Common Good*

**MISSION** FAITH ACTION NETWORK is a faith-inspired statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and courageous public action.

**NETWORK** FAN is a growing movement of more than 146 Advocating Faith Communities and thousands of individual advocates of faith and conscience across the state of Washington.



Advocating Faith Communities take concrete steps for justice by committing to one (or more) actions from each box.

## HERE'S HOW TO PARTNER WITH FAN!

### Public Witness

- ⇒ Send members to Interfaith Advocacy Day (IFAD) in Olympia each legislative session.
- ⇒ Collect an offering of letters from members to legislators on critical issues.
- ⇒ Help organize or attend marches, rallies, or other public actions.

### Education

- ⇒ Invite staff from FAN to preach or teach in your faith community.
- ⇒ Convene an advocacy study group related to your tradition's scriptures or texts.
- ⇒ Host a forum with elected officials or a workshop on a critical social issue.

### Financial Support

- ⇒ Make FAN a line-item in your faith community's budget.
- ⇒ Collect a special offering for FAN.
- ⇒ Attend the annual FAN fundraiser dinner in the fall.

Bring a van of folks to Olympia for **Interfaith Advocacy Day (IFAD)**!

Join FAN at your city hall for a **rally**, or in the streets of your town for a **march**!

Join others in your district to meet with your **elected officials**!

Invite your members to FAN's regional **Spring Summits** to help shape FAN priorities!

Meet your neighboring faith communities at our **Cluster Gatherings**!

Sponsor a table and celebrate the past year at FAN's **Annual Dinner**!



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Taking Positions:** Participating in FAN does not require agreement on every issue. We are a diverse network with diverse perspectives.

**Financial Commitments:** FAN depends on financial support for our ongoing work, each according to their means.

**Tax Status:** 501(C)(3) organizations, including faith communities, are permitted to engage in advocacy, hosting of candidates' forums when all candidates are invited, encouragement of voter participation, and endorsement of initiatives, among other activities. They may not endorse candidates for public office. Partnering with FAN **will not** jeopardize 501(C)(3) status as we observe these rules.

**Lobbying:** FAN works for justice in a variety of ways. We do speak directly to government officials as one of the ways we advocate, within IRS limits.

*If you are interested in your faith community partnering with Faith Action Network, email **FAN@fanwa.org** for information.*



Sign up on our website **fanwa.org** for FAN's E-News and Advocacy Alerts, so we can advocate together for the kinds of changes that will improve the quality of life for all Washingtonians.

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## CREATING CHANGE THAT LASTS



# FAITH ACTION NETWORK



**Advocating** as people of faith to stand up for social justice and the common good at the local, state, and national levels.

**Organizing** individuals and communities across faith traditions and geographical areas for social change through year-round action.

**Collaborating** with coalitions that share our common vision of a compassionate, just society.

**Educating** through forums, workshops, and public actions on important public policy priorities, current events, and social issues.

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