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2019 Issue Priorities

Speaking Truth to Power in Love



DOMESTIC PRIORITIES FOR 2019:

- Keep the government open to serve the common good
- Restore voting rights and common-sense government reform
- Improve jobs, reduce poverty and defend the social safety net from erosion
- Support compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform
- Promote decisive, effective solutions to climate change
- Address systemic racism
- Address the failure of the war on drugs
- Advocate health care for all

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2019:

- Promote diplomatic solutions to the conflicts in Nicaragua, Yemen and Israel-Palestine
- Lift up Human Rights and Conflict Resolution in South Sudan, Sudan, Cameroon and Congo
- Defend the Defenders: Speak out for endangered human rights defenders across the globe
- Address Global Economic Justice Issues, Corporate Accountability and Fair Trade Policies
- Support refugees and work to stop anti-Muslim bigotry
- Urge passage of legislation to ease and ultimately end the embargo on Cuba
- Advocate de-escalation and resolution of the conflict with North Korea



⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

— Isaiah 58:6-7