



# INTERFAITH COALITION TO STOP EXECUTIONS

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## **TOOLS TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY WORK TOWARD REPEAL OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

### Prayer

- Include petitions supporting those awaiting execution on death row
- Include petitions for victims of violent crimes
- Include petitions asking for help and guidance in efforts to bring about repeal
- Periodically focus your personal devotions on themes involving the death penalty and restorative justice

### Study/Discuss/Discern



- *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean, [www.prejean.org/RelatedLinks.html](http://www.prejean.org/RelatedLinks.html).
- *Not In Our Name; Murder Victims' Families Speak Out Against the Death Penalty* featuring members of Murder Victims for Reconciliation, [www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org).
- “*Sermons, Homilies & Reflections on the Death Penalty*” compiled by the Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project, [www.deathpenaltyreligious.org](http://www.deathpenaltyreligious.org)
- “*The Death Penalty: The Religious Community Calls for Abolition-Statement of Opposition to Capital Punishment*” compiled by the Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project, [www.deathpenaltyreligious.org](http://www.deathpenaltyreligious.org)
- *Choosing Life: Building Opposition to the Death Penalty* from the National Pastoral Life Center, [roundtable@nplc.org](mailto:roundtable@nplc.org), 212-431-7825
- *Death as Penalty: A Moral, Practical and Theological Discussion*; and *Who is My Neighbor: Learning To Care for the Victims of Crime* by the Mennonite Central Committee-Office of Criminal Justice, 202-544-6564, [www.mcc.org/respub.html](http://www.mcc.org/respub.html).
- *Death Penalty Education & Curriculum Resources* from the Death Penalty Information Center: <http://www.teacher.deathpenaltyinfo.msu.edu/>
- “*Talking Together as Christians about Tough Social Issues*” from the Division for Church in Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America : [www.elca.org/dcs/talkingtogether.html](http://www.elca.org/dcs/talkingtogether.html)

### Internet Resources:

- Interfaith Coalition to Stop Executions [www.stopexecutions.org](http://www.stopexecutions.org)
- Ohio Council of Churches [www.ohcouncilchs.org](http://www.ohcouncilchs.org)
- Catholic Conference of Ohio [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org)
- Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project <http://www.deathpenaltyreligious.org/>
- Catholics Against Capital Punishment <http://www.cacp.org/>
- Buddhist Prison Chaplaincy: [www.angulimala.org.uk](http://www.angulimala.org.uk)
- Friends Committee on National Legislation: [www.fcnl.org/issues/cr/deaindex.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/issues/cr/deaindex.htm)
- General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church: [www.qbgm-umc.org](http://www.qbgm-umc.org)
- Jewish Resources for Social Change [www.socialaction.com](http://www.socialaction.com)
- Unitarian Universalists Against the Death Penalty: [www.uuadp.org](http://www.uuadp.org)
- United Church of Christ Ohio Death Penalty Information : [www.ocucc.org/DeathPenalty/deathpenresolution.htm](http://www.ocucc.org/DeathPenalty/deathpenresolution.htm)
- Ohioans to Stop Executions [www.otse.org](http://www.otse.org)
- Death Penalty Information Center <http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>

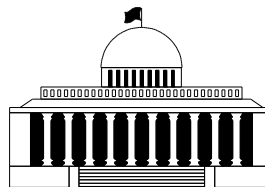
Ohio's **Interfaith Coalition to Stop Executions**, is a statewide gathering of faith leaders offering faith based resources, actions, and networking to end the death penalty. Call us at 614-425-1819. [www.stopexecutions.org](http://www.stopexecutions.org)

- Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation <http://www.mvfr.org/>
- National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty <http://www.ncadp.org/>
- Citizens United Against the Death Penalty [www.cuadp.org](http://www.cuadp.org)
- Ohio Death Row Project <http://www.ohiodeathrow.com/>

## Plan/Act

- Sign a “Declaration of Life” statement that states your opposition to the death penalty in case you die as a result of a violent crime. A copy of the statement can be found under death penalty at [www.ohiocathconf.org/#!/index.htm](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/#!/index.htm).
- Write letters to someone on Death Row. Suggestions can be found at [www.deathpenaltyreligious.org/ministry/deathrow/penpal.html](http://www.deathpenaltyreligious.org/ministry/deathrow/penpal.html) or <http://www.ohiodeathrow.com/>
- Join the Interfaith Coalition to Stop Executions [www.stopexecutions.org](http://www.stopexecutions.org) (614-425-1819)
- Sign a Moratorium Campaign petition. <http://www.otse.org/moratorium.htm>
- Join places of worship throughout Ohio in Ringing Bells for 15 minutes at the time of any Ohio execution – currently 10am.
- Contact elected officials -- state legislators (particularly your own representative and senator), the governor, Ohio’s congressional delegation and the president -- to let them know that you are opposed to the death penalty. To find the names and contact information of your elected officials visit: <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/>

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- **Contribute financially to organizations that educate on the death penalty like Interfaith Coalition To Stop Executions, [www.stopexecutions.org](http://www.stopexecutions.org) & Ohioans To Stop Executions. <http://www.otse.org/>**
  - **Help groups that support the inmates and their families such as the Ohio Death Row Project <http://www.ohiodeathrow.com/>**
  - **Support groups that work with victim’s families like Murder Victims’ Families for Reconciliation. [www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org)**
  - **Urge your congregation and other denominational groups to become active in efforts to repeal the death penalty.**



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