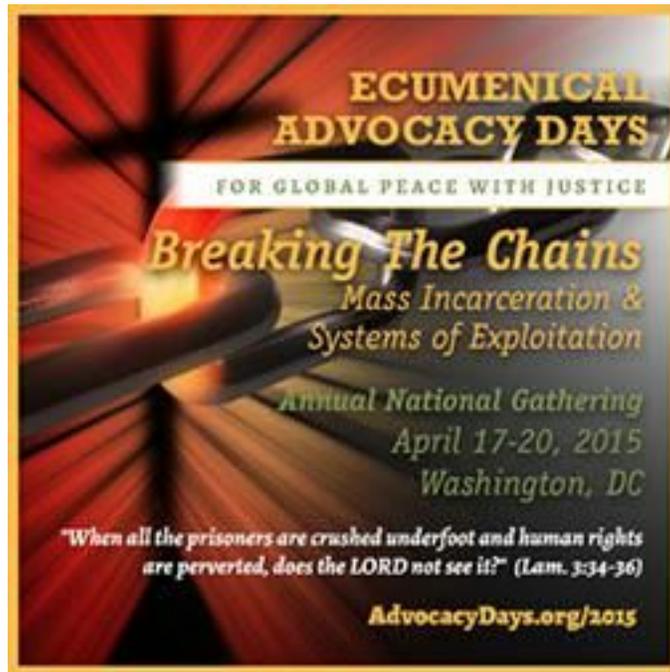


Ecumenical Advocacy Days

<http://advocacydays.org/>

From the EAD website: “Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.”

Each year, Christians are invited to participate in the Annual National Gathering of Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice. It occurs in mid-April in the nation’s capitol. In 2015, the thirteenth gathering will focus on ‘Breaking the Chains: Mass Incarceration and Systems of Exploitation,’ and you are welcome to attend.



This year, Brian Talcott, who is a member of the NCC’s convening table on Justice and Advocacy, will be present for Advocacy Days **April 17-20, 2015 in Washington, DC**, and would very much welcome other Christian Scientists who would like to participate. Please contact him at btalcott@comcast.net.

Whether you are able to attend or not, your prayers are so very much appreciated. Many Christian organizations have asked for help concerning all the issues related to prison reform. And in a broader way, the Christian Science Ecumenical Team has given considerable prayer and attention to the subject of Christian advocacy over the past few

years. Please enjoy looking over the following blogs we've written on the subject, and add your own comments along the way. We'd love to hear your own prayers, insights and experiences.

A major motivator for the prison work, often cited among Christians is the reminder of Jesus' parable (Matthew 25:35-40, NRSV):

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Blogs at <http://christianscience.com/circle-of-faith/blog>

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