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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR: EPISCOPAL MONTH OF ACTION SERIES

Episcopal Action on DACA Webinar
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 | 3:30-5:00pm ET



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Agenda

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Prayer & Reflection

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

Conversation with our Panelists

Prayers

What is DACA?

DACA Background



Source: The Hill

- June 15, 2012: President Barack Obama, via Executive Order, announces the creation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which shields undocumented individuals brought to the U.S. as children from deportation and provides federal work authorization, on a case-by-case basis.
- August 15, 2012: USCIS announces the process by which DACA-eligible individuals could apply for this status.
- Around 700,000 individuals have taken advantage of DACA protections since 2012.

Why is DACA needed?



Source: John Moore/Getty

Undocumented young people face a wide array of challenges due to their precarious status:

- Fear of deportation
- Limited educational opportunities
- Restricted access to work options
- Impacts on health and wellness

Trump Administration's Actions



Source: USA Today

- President Trump announced in September 2017 that he was cancelling DACA with effect from six months and he called for legislation to be enacted before the protection phased out in March 2018.
- DACA cancellation is currently on hold by court order; a Supreme Court decision on the matter is imminent.
- Solicitor General Noel Francisco: “DACA was a temporary stopgap measure that, on its face, could be rescinded at any time. And the department’s reasonable concerns about its legality and its general opposition to broad nonenforcement policies provided more than a reasonable basis for ending it.”

Congressional Response

American Dream and Promise Act

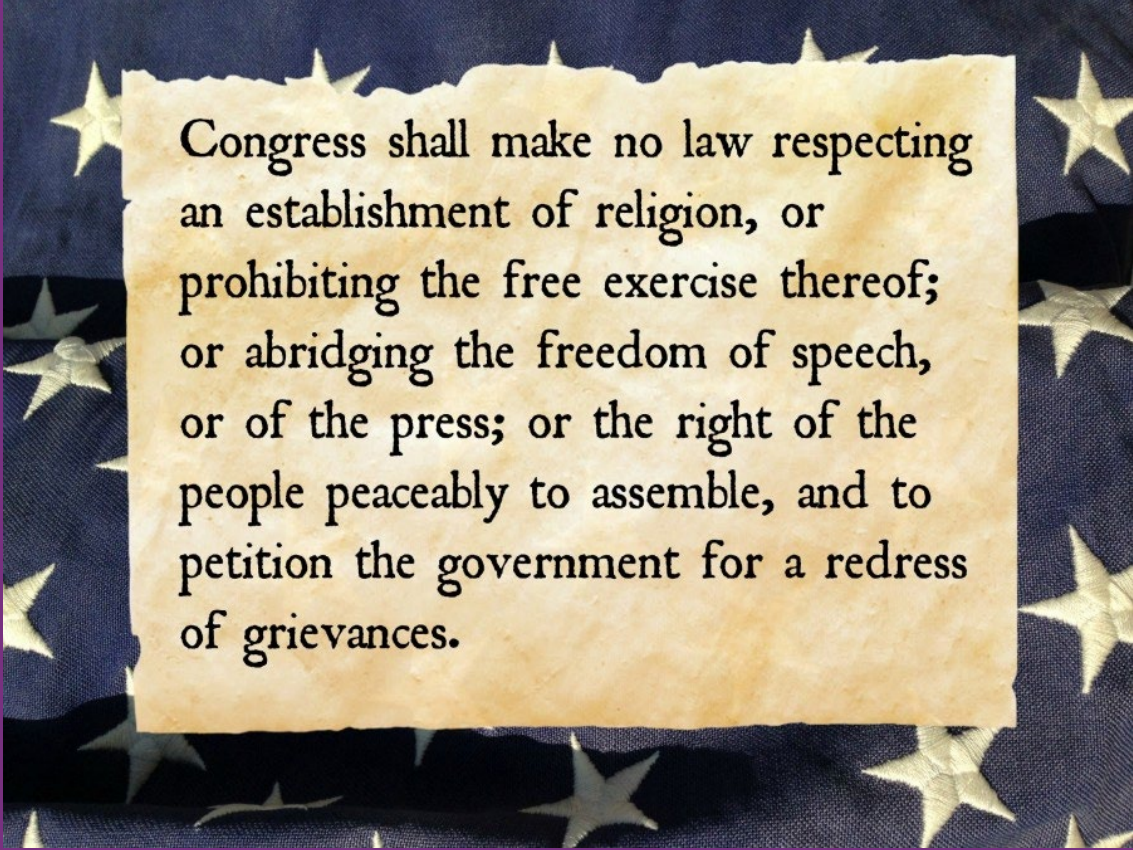


Source: New York Times

- Grants ten-year conditional permanent resident status to undocumented people brought to the United States as children.
- Passed the House of Representatives on June 4, 2019 on a bipartisan vote of 237 to 187.
- No action in the Senate

How You Can Be an Advocate

What is Advocacy?



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Source: Scholars and Rogues

- Sharing your views with politicians to encourage them to take a certain course of action.
- Activity protected by the First Amendment: “petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Faith-Based Advocacy



Source: Newsweek

- Yes! It is constitutional!
- No, it does not violate the First Amendment
- Faith voices have played a crucial role in spurring social and political change throughout American history, from the 19th century anti-slavery movement to the modern-day immigrant rights movement.
- Your voice as a person of faith MATTERS.

Advocacy in the Age of COVID-19



- The work goes on despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Many ways to engage:
 - Phone Calls
 - Emails
 - Post Cards

How to Engage in Advocacy

Prepare to tell your Congressional leaders:

- Who you are
- Why you care
- What you want



Source: Fast Web

Social Media Advocacy



Post photos of your action on social media using the hashtags:

- #EpiscopalAdvocacy
- #HomeisHere
- #Faith4DACA

Use our DACA Action Day toolkit for tweet suggestions

Practice Advocacy With Your Family



**SUPPORT
DACA!**

- **Discuss DACA as a family:** Why does this issue matter to you? What do you know about this issue?
- **Watch this brief video featuring immigrants currently protected by DACA:** bit.ly/DACAVIDEO
- **Draft a letter or postcard with your children.** Encourage them to be creative in expressing why this issue matters to them.
- **Participate in a family pledge to continue advocacy for DACA.** Create a document outlining the ways your family can continue to be involved in ensuring protection for immigrants.

Identify & Follow Your Local Leaders and Organizations

- www.unitedwedream.org
- www.informedimmigrant.com
- www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org
- www.immigrationforum.org



Q&A

Time to Act



Source:
Flickr/Molly
Adams

Take Action

- Episcopal DACA Action Toolkit
 - Will arrive to your inbox today!
- Action Alert
 - Will be in your inbox today, on EPPN social media, and in chat box.
- Call your Senators!
 - Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
- Head to social media
 - #Faith4DACA, #EpiscopalAdvocacy, #HomeisHere



EMM Book Club



Discussion Guides
and Resources

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers these book discussion kits as a way to empower local congregations, book clubs, and other groups to learn more about immigrant communities and individuals.

Request:
www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/book-kits/

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