

Death Penalty: Continuum of Action

Awareness	Involvement	Leadership
Learn the facts. www.deathpenaltyinfo.org	Reflect and discuss your feelings and questions with others.	Share your knowledge with your church, school or work.
View <i>Dead Man Walking</i> or <i>Our Faith, Our Case Against the Death Penalty</i> .	Organize a group showing of the film and facilitate a group discussion.	Write an article on the film and discussion for your church bulletin or community newsletter.
Learn about local organizations that work to abolish the death penalty.	Invite a speaker from the organization to speak at a church, school or community event.	Support the organization financially or by volunteering.
Read your denominational faith statement and teaching on capital punishment.	Organize a faith community study group on the topic.	Draft a corporate stand or social practice statement.
Read the book, <i>The Church of the Second Chance</i> .	Organize a group discussion of the book.	Facilitate a JustMatters module, <i>Prison Reform: Church of the Second Chance</i> and <i>Sanctity of All Life</i> , www.justfaith.org
Find out what you can do to support the families of victims. www.restorejustice.com	Participate in a prayer service for murder victims.	Sponsor and organize a public event that supports victims of violence.
Find out what you can do to support inmates on death row and their families. www.restorejustice.com	Write letters or visit inmates through a prison detention ministry.	Organize a community drive to collect needed items for inmates and their families.
Research your state's most recent legislation on capital punishment.	Contact your state and federal legislators to express your opposition to capital punishment.	Encourage others to participate with you in a campaign to abolish the death penalty.
Consider how race, poverty, age, and mental health are factors in death sentences.	Support youth at risk by mentoring. Support inmate programs that assist with transitioning to civilian life.	Speak out on the value of restorative rather than retaliative justice.
Learn about <i>For Whom the Bells Toll</i> at www.pfadp.org	Pray for those being executed.	Organize a community response, toll bells, hang a banner, include names of executed in bulletin.
Educate yourself about alternatives to capital punishment. www.restorativejustice.org	Support programs that promote reconciliation of victims and offenders. Sign up for Death Penalty Discourse Newsletter @ www.sisterhelen.org .	Provide public testimony on the success of inmates in restorative justice systems.

