10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. LIVE! Opening Plenary: At the Intersections of Justice

Religious freedom you get to decide whether or how to pray. It means that you should be free from entering this country because of your religion. And religious freedom means that no one else can use their religious belief to harm you or deny your civil rights and civil liberties. However, President Trump and his allies have doubled down on efforts to distort religious freedom from a shield to protect into a sword to harm others. We’ll kick off the National Advocacy Summit by exploring what’s at stake for us all and how we move forward together.

Rachel Laser will share an intimate conversation about this covert, secretive speaker for the 2020 National Advocacy Summit. Mr. Sharlet and AU CEO Mandy Weaver will take a look at how the changing courts could result in a government that relies on religion to justify discrimination, deny people healthcare, and exclude people to harm others. Join a panel of policy experts who have been leading the effort to pass the Do No Harm Act to learn more about the bill and how to support your Members of Congress.

Mara Gill, Director, Faith and Policy Initiative, Center for American Progress
Nimra Azmi, Director, National Center for Transgender Equality; Maggie Maril, Associate Legal Director, Lambda Legal; Maggie Gillooly, Senior Litigation Counsel, Americans United
Sarah M. Feldman, Director, Religion and Belief; Sharon M. McGowan, Chief Strategy Officer and Legal Director, BJC
Sharon B. Wood, Executive Assistant to the President, Americans United

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12:00 p.m. — 1:45 p.m. Workshops with Live Q&A

12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. Do No Harm: Fighting for Religious Freedom for All

President Trump has used federal religious freedom protections to justify discrimination, deny people healthcare, and exclude people from being welcomed in our country. But the Do No Harm Act, a Congressional bill introduced by Reps. Joe Kennedy, Bobby Scott and Sen. Kamala Harris, would help prevent this. The bill would ensure a federal code designed to shield religious minorities is not misused as a sword to harm others. Join a panel of policy experts who have been working toward the effort to pass the Do No Harm Act to learn more about the bill and how to support your Members of Congress.

Leila Abolftoul, Director of Federal Reproductive Rights, National Women’s Law Center; Haggai Matar, Vice President for Public Policy, Americans United; Katie Joseph, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Interfaith Alliance; Robin Mack, Associate Legal Director, Advocates for Justice Campaign; Haggai Matar, Director, Faith and Policy Initiative, Center for American Progress

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2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. The Remaking of the Courts (and Why You Should Care)

Do No Harm is about the ability to act, yes. As President Trump has given lots of Hotline appointments to fill the bench with some of the smartest, and most of the most Trumpically reliable, people to be found in the conservative movement, our effectiveness in the courts can be jeopardized. Indeed, the current Senate majority leader has proudly voiced his priority as to change the federal courts forever. Many of you, our allies, have demonstrated a willingness to permit partisan religions to wield their beliefs as a sword to cut away at the rights of others and to undermine the general application of our laws. Our panel will take a look at how the changing courts could result in a government that relies on religion to justify discrimination, deny people healthcare and exclude people to harm others.

Heather Weaver, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief; Sharon M. McGowan, Chief Strategy Officer and Legal Director, BJC; Kenneth D. Upchurch Jr., Senior Litigation Counsel, Americans United

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3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. Dismantling White Privilege: Race, Religious Freedom & Christian Nationalism

The United States has a long history of proclaiming the values of religious freedom while being built on discrimination from the Freedom Proclamation actually granted. Particularly for Native people, enslaved Africans, and nearly anyone seemingly other when it came to religion. The current Senate majority leader has proudly voiced his priority as to change the federal courts forever. Many of you, our allies, have demonstrated a willingness to permit partisan religions to wield their beliefs as a sword to cut away at the rights of others and to undermine the general application of our laws. Our panel will take a look at how the changing courts could result in a government that relies on religion to justify discrimination, deny people healthcare and exclude people to harm others.

Alicia Johnson, Executive Director, BJC; Katie Garrett, Vice President for Public Policy, Americans United

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4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. New Tools for Your Rights in School

Student activists can play powerful roles in shaping their school’s policies on religious freedom. This session will help equip teachers, staff and student leaders with information about students’ rights including LGBTQ rights, health and education, religious freedom and new strategies to fight for the rights of religious minorities, LGBTQ youth, and the nonreligious in school.

Alison Johnson, Student Network Manager, Americans United; Katie Felton, Church Manager, Manley Careers, Executive Assistant to the President, Americans United

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5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. LIVE! Evening Plenary: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power – and How It Affects Us All

Award-winning literary journalist Jeff Sharlet, author of The New York Times bestsellers “The Family” and “C Street” and executive producer of The New York Times series “The President’s List,” will deliver an exclusive presentation from the Netflix documentary series based on the books, joins us as our keynote speaker for the 2020 National Advocacy Summit. Mr. Sharlet and AU CEO Rachel Laser will share an intimate conversation about this covert, secretive Christian Nationalist movement that operates on Capitol Hill. They’ll be joined by some of the smartest, and some of the most ideologically reliable, state lobbying experts about some of the bills we are fighting and how you can be most effective in protecting religious freedom in your state.

Rachel Laser, Director, Faith and Policy Initiative, Center for American Progress
Nimra Azmi, Director, National Center for Transgender Equality; Maggie Maril, Associate Legal Director, Lambda Legal; Maggie Gillooly, Senior Litigation Counsel, Americans United

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10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. LIVE! Lobby Visit Prep Meeting (by invitation only)

All AU members have the opportunity to meet with members of Congress to gather will get ready for their appointments. AU staff will be on hand all day to make sure you have a great experience and impactful visits.

11:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m. LIVE! National Day of Action Kickoff Rally

Join us on an exciting way to kick off our National Day of Action. We’ll get inspired, fired up, and ready to make our voices heard from coast to coast. Special appearances by Congressmen Joe Kennedy and Bobby Scott!

12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. National Day of Action

We’re stronger together– let’s make our voices heard! From lobby visits with our Members of Congress to a suite of online actions, AU members will speak out for separation of religion and government—now and together.

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