

## Faith Outreach Opportunities for State Council Members

The Faith Outreach program of The Humane Society of the United States seeks to engage people and institutions of faith with animal protection issues, on the premise that religious values call upon us all to act in a kind and merciful way towards all creatures.

State Council members have the opportunity to engage with the Faith Outreach program in a variety of ways. Staff from the Faith Outreach program will be available to you for initial/on-going training and on an as-needed basis.

We would help you become knowledgeable with the Faith Outreach program's key resources, including:

- Facts & Faith: Religious Statements on Animals online library
- The HSUS Faith Outreach web site with online resources, seasonal promotions, etc.
- Information as needed on church councils, interfaith coalitions and ecumenical bodies in your state
- Menu of Faith Outreach volunteer options and opportunities and accompanying links

As a Faith Outreach volunteer, you would be provided with a menu of opportunities that you could choose from. You are encouraged to reach out to faith leaders and communities and to build relationships with your state's council of churches as well as regional denominational offices.

Establish animal ministries at select churches by implementing:

- Pet food drives through the Fill the Bowl toolkit
- Coordinate church screenings of the documentary, Eating Mercifully
- Work with faith groups to participate in My Humane Backyard Program
- When directed by the FO program staff, build support and obtain endorsements for animal protection legislation from religious leaders and church councils
- Send out HSUS-approved letters and communications

Interested in doing more? State Council members are invited to develop and lead the Faith Outreach volunteer program in the state:

- Serve as point of contact for volunteers interested in providing service to The HSUS via the FO program
- Coordinate and deliver orientations and trainings to prepare volunteers for their work
- Recruit new volunteers and promote volunteer opportunities
- Serve as liaison between the FO program, state director, state councils and FO volunteers

If you are interested in getting more active in our Faith Outreach program, please contact Deanne Thomsen at [dthomsen@humanesociety.org](mailto:dthomsen@humanesociety.org).