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TO ALL OF OUR CONNECTION READERS:
Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for NETWORK’s mission and vision. Our work for justice would not be possible without our dedicated, inspiring, spirit-filled network. We look forward to educating, organizing, and lobbying for justice with you in the new year!

ON THE COVER
Sister Simone Campbell speaks at a “Not One Penny” rally outside the U.S. Capitol
Photo by: Mehreen Karim

Let me state the obvious: 2017 was an extremely challenging year! But let me also say I am surprised that so much of the promised Trump agenda has not come to pass. I am surprised that Senator Doug Jones, recently won the special election in Alabama. I am surprised that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to be the law of the land. I am surprised that what I saw as a “steam roller” a year ago has been slowed. But as I reflect on this past year, perhaps my biggest surprise is how difficult it is to be faithful to the challenge to love… even our “enemies.”

Our fight against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act taught us deeper collaboration with our friends in the faith and secular communities. Telling our stories to our Representatives and Senators protected healthcare for 20 million people. The ACA isn’t perfect and it keeps getting undermined, but we were able to help ensure that it remains the law of the land and our people have access to care.

In the process, I learned that when we work with great focus and determination we, the broad NETWORK community, make an important political contribution. I have learned again that it is fighting for a vision that makes the difference. When we communicate a clear vision of an alternative future, we draw in more people who hunger for something new. But this alone will not create the change we seek.

The challenging truth is that we are called to “radical acceptance” of even those we vehemently disagree with. For me, this means holding the person with care and attempting to live the Gospel command to love. I find it very challenging when it comes to our President and Congressional leadership. But I have worked this year to develop empathy for our President who is obviously preoccupied by big words, the “truth,” and his approval ratings, to name just a few concerns. While I vehemently object to his policy agenda, I am attempting to hold his person in my care. This is the huge challenge of a faith response in these difficult political times.

And then, every once in a while, there is a treasured moment of intersection between radical acceptance and fighting for a vision. Here, the fire of the Spirit flames up in a moment of Gospel justice. For me, this happened this past year during the healthcare fight. We advocated for a vision where all have access to healthcare. We struggled to hold every member of Congress in our care. In the midst of this challenge, when lobbying Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), I met her as a person and held her in my care. I believe this “meeting” was an inspired moment of light. I took in her person, perspective, and struggle.

As we face this new year, fatigued from all of the work of 2017, we are called to take another step into the challenge of Gospel justice. Together, we are called to care for members of Congress, the Trump administration, and their staffs. It is difficult, but love means we must hold all in our care. It is from this place of care that we can fight for a vision that moves us closer to the common good where no one is forgotten or disposable. We’re called to persistently seek the intersection of radical acceptance and fighting for a vision, where the Spirit flames up in our midst and a glimpse of Gospel justice is achieved.

This is work done only in community, where we all take turns having good days and bad. So in this very new year, let us commit to the profound spiritual practice of radical acceptance and fighting for a vision…in short “making fire.” Then we will remember the admonition of Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem “God’s Grandeur”:

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings. ☀
Notable Quotables

What justice-seekers have been saying this quarter

“I’m a Catholic Sister; why should I weigh in on technically complex policies like tax reform and budgets? Well, at their core, these policies are reflections of our nation’s moral priorities.”
Sister Carren Herring, RSM in an Op-Ed on GOP tax cuts published in the Cincinnati Enquirer

“Every year, someone publishes a piece prophesying the ‘rise’ of the Religious Left. And every year, the prediction turns out to be laughably overblown. And then 2017 happened. These days, nobody’s laughing at the Religious Left.”
Jack Jenkins, “Nobody is laughing at the Religious Left in 2017” published at ThinkProgress.org

“The joy of raising a family should not be overshadowed by the rising costs of child care.”
Tralonne Shorter, NETWORK Senior Government Relations Advocate, writing in a NETWORK blog

“Political activity must truly be conducted at the service of the human person, with respect for creation and for the common good.”
Tweet from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

“We are at a moment in time when the power of prophetic witness is sorely needed. How will we love our neighbor without exceptions?”
Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation writing for Religion News Service about “Religion in 2018”

“We would rather argue, explain away, or ignore the results that white supremacy supports. We cannot heal what we do not own.”
Sister Patty Chappell, SNDdeN, speaking to the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

“When we expand access to quality affordable healthcare, it is an act of policy and an act of faith.”
Rep. Steny Hoyer (MD-05) at on Open Enrollment Press Conference with the Interfaith Healthcare Coalition

“Simply put, this proposed legislation is fundamentally unjust. If it becomes law, it will result in harmful consequences for those most needing support.”
Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, and over 2,200 other faith leaders in a letter sent to Congressional Leadership about the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

“I wish there was more of an outcry about making sure that work pays in this country. If you work in this country you ought not have to live in poverty.”
Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02) interviewed by TalkPoverty.org about what comes next after the GOP tax bill

“You, my younger sisters, you have done this. You are now an irreplaceable part of the infrastructure of nearly every industry and political system in the U.S. These systems cannot function without you.”
Representative Crowley on Surprises, Challenges, and the Road Ahead

Working, and Voting, for the Common Good in Congress

Congressman Joseph Crowley represents New York’s 14th congressional district and is Chair of the House Democratic Conference. This year, Congressman Crowley received a 100% on NETWORK’s voting record for the sixth year in a row. His six-year record is the longest out of anyone currently serving in Congress. NETWORK spoke to Representative Crowley to learn about how his Catholic faith and his lived experiences inform his political decisions.

CONNECTION: How does your faith inspire your work in Congress?

REP. CROWLEY: I was raised to live by the Golden Rule: ‘Do to others as you would like them to do to you.’ This has guided me in life and inspired my work in Congress. It is simple: we need to treat others with the same compassion and empathy with which we all want to be treated, and put forward just and fair-minded policies that ensure opportunity for all. This means doing the right thing and working hard to ensure that my constituents from Queens, the Bronx, and all Americans can enjoy the brighter future they and their families deserve.

CONNECTION: What is the proudest vote you have cast this year?

REP. CROWLEY: I believe that health care is a right, not a privilege. That’s why I voted against the so-called “American Health Care Act,” which would have stripped access to quality health care for millions, and punished children, seniors, and those with pre-existing conditions. I am very proud to defend the right of Americans to have access to affordable, quality health care, but also know we must do even more to make sure health care is available to all.

CONNECTION: What about this past year has surprised you the most, politically?

REP. CROWLEY: I’ve been appalled by the completely inadequate response to the suffering and pain of our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. President Trump and congressional Republicans have treated the victims of these natural disasters like second-class citizens, when they are as American as you and I. I visited Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria and witnessed the extensive devastation there. We need to do more to ensure that everyone living there has the resources needed to rebuild and recover, and I’ve promised our fellow Americans there that the federal government commitment to them will continue for years and decades.

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**CONNECTION:** What policy area will you focus on most in 2018?

**REP. CROWLEY:** There are too many important policies to pick just one, but an issue I’m especially passionate about is ensuring that hard-working Americans have access to affordable housing. Housing is one of the most basic human needs and the lack of affordable housing is a crushing burden for many families in Queens and the Bronx and across the U.S.

This year, I introduced the Rent Relief Act - legislation to help those struggling to balance the high costs of rent with the needs of their families. It would put money back in the pockets of renters who spend more than 30 percent of their income each month on housing. This is an extraordinary way for us to build the middle class and secure the financial stability of working men and women.

**CONNECTION:** When times seem difficult, what keeps you motivated to continue working for the common good in Congress?

**REP. CROWLEY:** My constituents in Queens and the Bronx. Meeting with them and hearing directly about their passions, dreams, and hope are always motivating and inspiring. Despite all the challenges we face, I’ll continue to defend our values and provide good solutions for my constituents and all Americans.

**CONNECTION:** How have you seen policies you’ve promoted in the past positively affect your constituents and our nation?

**REP. CROWLEY:** Legislation such as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has positively improved the quality of life of my constituents and of millions of people across the nation. The ACA has expanded coverage, reduced costs, and improved our health care system. We need to continue protecting this accomplishment and come together to improve health care so every American has access to affordable and quality care.

**CONNECTION:** You voted with NETWORK 100% of the time for the past six years, which is the longest record of any current member of Congress. How does it feel?

**REP. CROWLEY:** Extremely honored. From protecting and improving our health care system to creating economic opportunity — my positions on our nation’s most pressing issues are always guided by the common good. I’m proud to be an ally of NETWORK in working toward economic and social transformation in our communities.

**CONNECTION:** Do you have any advice for advocates inspired by their faith to engage in politics?

**REP. CROWLEY:** Turn your faith into action and never underestimate the power of your voice. Now more than ever, your engagement is making a difference.

“We need to treat others with the same compassion and empathy with which we all want to be treated, and put forward just and fair-minded policies that ensure opportunity for all.”
A Year of Protest, Prayer, and Persistence

By Laura Peralta-Schulte

2017 was a tumultuous year for our nation. Following the election of President Trump and with Republicans in control of both the House and Senate, advocates were fearful of what lay ahead for women, people of color, immigrants, and other communities that had been the target of then-candidate Trump’s consistent attacks on the campaign trail.

President Trump began his Inaugural Address talking about “American carnage”, building walls, and making “America first.” The next day, millions of people marched in Washington and around the world to show their opposition to President Trump’s agenda. Sister Simone Campbell addressed the Women’s March in Washington, D.C. asking people of faith to actively engage in the political debate on behalf of the common good. With that historic mobilization, we began the political action of 2017.

Administrative Attacks on our Mend the Gap Agenda

Two areas of NETWORK’s Mend the Gap agenda were under constant attack in 2017: healthcare and immigration. On both issues, the Trump Administration used all legal means at their disposal to undo the progress of the Obama Administration.

For healthcare, the Administration moved immediately to dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by changing regulations under the guise of “flexibility” to limit the program. Later in the year, the Administration refused to advertise and engage in ACA enrollment activities, which was an act of sabotage.

On immigration, including in the area of refugee resettlement, the Administration attempted to fundamentally restructure longstanding programs. This began with issuing multiple Muslim travel bans — which were, until recently, stopped by Court challenges — then concluded the year by announcing a historic cut to the number of refugees the U.S. will settle. The Trump Administration also callously rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program created by President Obama that has protected Dreamers from deportation and allowed them legal work authorization since 2012. The Administration is currently working to remove Temporary Protected Status for large communities of immigrants including those from Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and elsewhere.

Legislative Attacks on Mend the Gap Issues

One of the first and most sustained threats to our agenda came as Republicans in Congress launched their efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Republican members of Congress campaigned on repealing the ACA since its passage, so it was no surprise when the House moved to repeal the program. Congress also moved to unravel our broader healthcare system by attempting to fundamentally restructure the Medicaid program into a block grant. This proposal would devastate Medicaid and risk the health of millions of Americans who depend on the program.

What was surprising — and inspiring — was that these efforts failed due to the hard work of a diverse coalition of advocates and the engagement of many people all around the country. The Republicans had planned to repeal the ACA quickly at the beginning of the Congressional session, but ended up fighting to make changes through the spring and summer until they finally failed in July. NETWORK chaired the national faith healthcare table and played an important role in defeating the effort.

Harmful immigration bills became part of the Republican legislative agenda during the first days of the new Congress. Republicans moved swiftly to increase funding for deportations, detention, and border security as well as pass new legislation to strip sanctuary cities of federal funding. Early on, Democratic Senators united and refused to support a bill that included significant funding to build a border wall. It became apparent that Republicans would have trouble implementing their agenda because of Senate rules (requiring 60 votes to pass legislation) when operating under regular process. That is why the budget reconciliation process (which only requires 51 votes) has been used to try to pass partisan healthcare and tax legislation.

Crisis set in as the Administration rescinded DACA in September. Over 800,000 Dreamers who had signed up for protections and who are fully integrated in American communities, schools, and workplaces face the threat of deportation if Congress does not pass legislation that provides protection. Congress failed to pass this critical legislation in 2017 and it remains a key part of NETWORK’s agenda for 2018.

End of the Year: Tax Cuts or Bust

Because of advocates’ success in blocking major portions of the Republican agenda during the first half of the year, when Congress returned after the August recess, the pressure was on Republicans to deliver a win before the end of the year. They moved quickly to a popular issue for the party: tax cuts. Congressional Republicans worked feverishly for the rest of the year to pass a partisan tax bill that gives significant tax cuts to wealthy people and corporations at a loss of $1.5 trillion dollars for our nation. While there were obstacles to passing the bill, in the end Republicans rallied around the tax bill written by and for lobbyists and their rich donors, marketing it as a middle class tax bill that will spur economic growth and raise wages.
Unlike earlier debates, there was little Republican opposition to the tax bill and it moved forward at lightning speed.

This was a loss for NETWORK for two reasons. First, as part of the tax bill, Republicans achieved a year-long goal of destabilizing the Affordable Care Act by repealing the individual mandate. Experts show that this will increase premiums and potentially lead to 13 million people losing healthcare in the near future. Second, the significant loss of national revenue sets the table for leadership to talk about the need to cut social safety net programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and nutrition programs. Already, President Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have indicated that Congress will push for “Welfare Reform” in 2018.

An Uninspiring Federal Budget Process

Congress did not pass a full federal budget for 2018, deciding instead to put all of their political energy into passing tax cuts for the wealthy and large corporations. Congress adjourned on December 21 after passing a short-term bill to fund the government at current levels through January 19. This sets the stage for further budget action as well as discussions on funding for 2019.

Harmful Neglect of the Common Good

Congress’s single-minded focus on partisan priorities continually got in the way of bipartisan legislation that would have advanced the common good. For much of 2017, NETWORK urged Congress to extend funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) well before the October 1 deadline. Congress failed to renew CHIP funding and only passed a temporary funding fix for the program until March of 2018 when they will try again to achieve bipartisan consensus.

Overall, there are three important lessons we have learned in the past year. First, Republicans are deeply divided on core Mend the Gap issues like healthcare and immigration; it is possible in certain instances to build bipartisan support to block bad bills and, over time, potentially to develop bipartisan legislation to solve problems. Second, in order to be successful, advocates must organize and engage in Washington and, perhaps more importantly, at home. Third, President Trump and Republicans in Washington are fearful of political losses in 2018 and will prioritize “winning” the political fight and the next election over the common good. As we work to resist against unjust policies and to promote the common good, we continue to find our power in diversity and community.

Senate Vote Descriptions

1. **Unemployment Benefit Drug Testing**  
   **Vote #87 (H.J. Res. 42)**  
   NETWORK opposed this resolution that would start a process to allow states to drug test people who apply for federal unemployment assistance.  
   Passed 51-48, March 14, 2017

2. **Better Care Reconciliation Act**  
   **Vote #168 (S.Amdt. 270 to S.Amdt. 267 to H.R. 1628)**  
   NETWORK strongly opposed this amendment, which would have repealed the Affordable Care Act, restructured and deeply cut Medicaid by over $750 billion, and weakened protections for people with pre-existing conditions.  
   Rejected 43-57, July 25, 2017

3. **Obamacare Repeal and Reconciliation Act**  
   **Vote #169 (S.Amdt. 271 to S.Amdt. 267 to H.R. 1628)**  
   NETWORK strongly opposed this bill, which would have repealed most of the ACA without any replacement. It would have ended the Medicaid expansion, repealed premium and cost sharing subsidies, and repealed the individual and employer mandates.  
   Rejected 45-55, July 26, 2017

4. **“Skinny” Affordable Care Act Repeal**  
   **Vote #179 (S.Amdt. 667 to S.Amdt. 267 to H.R. 1628)**  
   NETWORK opposed this ill-conceived attempt to pass a last-minute, partial ACA repeal bill in the Senate in order to get the bill to conference negotiations.  
   Rejected 49-51, July 28, 2017

5. **Senate Budget Resolution**  
   **Vote #245 (H. Con. Res 71)**  
   NETWORK opposed this bill because it would fast track budget cuts to safety net programs and increase wealth and income disparity. It also included reconciliation instructions for passing the tax bill.  
   Passed 51-49, October 19, 2017

6. **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act**  
   **Vote #303 (H.R.1 as Amended)**  
   NETWORK opposed this Senate-amended version of the tax bill. It maintains a highly regressive tax structure, would add $1.5 trillion to the deficit, and repeal the ACA’s individual mandate.  
   Passed 51-49, December 2, 2017

7. **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Conference Report)**  
   **Vote #323 (H.R.1)**  
   NETWORK opposed this final, agreed-upon version of the GOP’s tax overhaul. The bill remained extremely regressive by design, and the tax cuts increase the deficit drastically, endangering future funding for critical programs. The bill also repeals the ACA’s individual mandate.  
   Passed 51-48, December 19, 2017

8. **Dream Act/Children’s Health Insurance Program**  
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- Did not vote

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5. **Senate Tax Bill**
6. **Conference Tax Bill**
7. **Dream Act/CHIP Funding**

#### Alabama
- Richard C. Shelby (R) - 0%
- Luther Strange (R) - 0%

#### Alaska
- Lisa Murkowski (R) - 43%
- Dan Sullivan (R) - 0%

#### Arizona
- John Boozman (R) - 0%
- Tom Cotton (R) - 14%

#### Arkansas
- Jeff Flake (R) - 0%
- John McCain (R) - 33%

#### California
- Dianne Feinstein (D) - 100%
- Kamala Harris (D) - 100%

#### Colorado
- Michael Bennet (D) - 100%
- Cory Gardner (R) - 0%

#### Connecticut
- Richard Blumenthal (D) - 100%
- Christopher S. Murphy (D) - 100%

#### Delaware
- Thomas R. Carper (D) - 100%
- Chris Coons (D) - 100%

#### Florida
- Bill Nelson (D) - 100%
- Marco Rubio (R) - 0%

#### Georgia
- Johnny Isakson (R) - 0%
- David Perdue (R) - 0%

#### Hawaii
- Mazie K. Hirono (D) - 100%
- Brian Schatz (D) - 100%

#### Idaho
- Michael D. Crapo (R) - 0%
- Jim Risch (D) - 0%

#### Illinois
- Tammy Duckworth (D) - 100%
- Richard J. Durbin (D) - 100%

#### Indiana
- Joe Donnelly (D) - 100%
- Todd Young (R) - 0%

#### Iowa
- Joni Ernst (R) - 0%
- Charles E. Grassley (R) - 0%

#### Kansas
- Jerry Moran (R) - 14%
- Pat Roberts (R) - 0%

#### Kentucky
- Mitch McConnell (R) - 0%
- Rand Paul (R) - 29%

#### Louisiana
- Bill Cassidy (R) - 0%
- John Kennedy (R) - 0%

#### Maine
- Susan Collins (R) - 43%
- Angus King (I) - 100%

#### Maryland
- Benjamin L. Cardin (D) - 100%
- Chris Van Hollen (D) - 100%

#### Massachusetts
- Edward J. Markey (D) - 100%
- Elizabeth Warren (D) - 100%

#### Michigan
- Gary Peters (D) - 100%
- Debbie Stabenow (D) - 100%

#### Minnesota
- Al Franken (D) - 100%
- Amy Klobuchar (D) - 100%

#### Mississippi
- Thad Cochran (R) - 0%
- Roger Wicker (R) - 0%

#### Missouri
- Roy Blunt (R) - 100%
- Claire McCaskill (D) - 100%

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**Dream Act/CHIP Funding**

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**Montana**
- Steve Daines (R) - 0%
- Jon Tester (D) - 100%

**Nebraska**
- Deb Fischer (R) - 0%
- Ben Sasse (R) - 0%

**Nevada**
- C. Cortez Masto (D) - 100%
- Dean Heller (R) - 29%

**New Hampshire**
- Maggie Hassan (D) - 100%
- Jeanne Shaheen (D) - 100%

**New Jersey**
- Cory Booker (D) - 100%
- Robert Menendez (D) - 100%

**New Mexico**
- Martin Heinrich (D) - 100%
- Tom Udall (D) - 100%

**New York**
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D) - 100%
- Charles E. Schumer (D) - 100%

**North Carolina**
- Richard M. Burr (R) - 0%
- Thom Tillis (R) - 0%

**North Dakota**
- Heidi Heitkamp (D) - 100%
- John Hoeven (R) - 0%

**Ohio**
- Sherrod Brown (D) - 100%
- Bob Portman (R) - 14%

**Oklahoma**
- James M. Inhofe (R) - 0%
- James Lankford (R) - 0%

**Oregon**
- Jeff Merkley (D) - 100%
- Ron Wyden (D) - 100%

**Pennsylvania**
- Bob Casey (D) - 100%
- Patrick J. Toomey (R) - 0%

**Rhode Island**
- Jack Reed (D) - 100%
- Sheldon Whitehouse (D) - 100%

**South Carolina**
- Lindsey Graham (R) - 14%
- Tim Scott (R) - 0%

**South Dakota**
- Mike Rounds (R) - 0%
- John Thune (R) - 0%

**Tennessee**
- Lamar Alexander (R) - 14%
- Bob Corker (R) - 29%

**Texas**
- John Cornyn (R) - 0%
- Ted Cruz (R) - 0%

**Utah**
- Orrin G. Hatch (R) - 0%
- Mike Lee (R) - 14%

**Vermont**
- Patrick J. Leahy (D) - 100%
- Bernie Sanders (I) - 100%

**Virginia**
- Tim Kaine (D) - 100%
- Mark Warner (D) - 100%

**Washington**
- Maria Cantwell (D) - 100%
- Patty Murray (D) - 100%

**West Virginia**
- Shelley Moore Capito (R) - 14%
- Joe Manchin III (D) - 100%

**Wisconsin**
- Tammy Baldwin (D) - 100%
- Ron Johnson (R) - 0%

**Wyoming**
- John Barrasso (R) - 0%
- Michael B. Enzi (R) - 0%

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**First Quarter 2018 Connection**

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**Network position**

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## House Vote Descriptions

### 1. American Health Care Act of 2017
   **Vote #256 (H.R. 1628)**

   NETWORK opposed this bill, which would have repealed the Affordable Care Act, restructured and deeply cut Medicaid by over $830 billion, cut premium subsidies, and greatly widened the gap in access to healthcare in this nation.  
   **Passed 217-213, May 4, 2017**

### 2. No Sanctuary for Criminals Act
   **Vote #342 (H.R. 3003)**

   NETWORK opposed this bill which threatens public safety by undermining efforts to foster collaboration between local police and impacted residents and improve their communities. This bill jeopardizes crucial community trust by promoting an “enforcement-only” approach for policing.  
   **Passed 228-195, June 29, 2017**

### 3. Amendment to Reduce ICE Funding
   **Vote #460 (H. Amdt. 310 to H.R. 3354)**

   NETWORK supported this bill which would have decreased funding for Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agents by almost $850 million. ICE agents’ enforcement activities threaten the sense of community and security in immigrant neighborhoods and tear families apart.  
   **Failed 170-241, September 7, 2017**

### 4. Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act
   **Vote #517 (H.R. 3697)**

   NETWORK opposed this bill because it targets immigrant youth and expands the definition of “criminal gang” to potentially include charities and churches that assist the immigrant community. It puts the burden of proof on the accused to demonstrate that they are not affiliated with a criminal gang and is likely to further divide local police from communities they are meant to serve.  
   **Passed 233-175, September 14, 2017**

### 5. House Budget Resolution
   **Vote #589 (H. Con. Res. 71)**

   NETWORK opposed this amended resolution because it fast tracked budget cuts to vital safety net programs, increased wealth and income disparity in our nation, and included reconciliation instructions that ushered passage of the Republican tax plan without any Democratic support in the Senate. This House vote ultimately adopted the Senate version of final budget resolution, approving $200 billion in cuts to mandatory programs.  
   **Passed 216-212, October 26, 2017**

### 6. Championing Healthy Kids Act of 2017
   **Vote #606 (H.R. 3922)**

   NETWORK opposed this bill. While it included important provisions to extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Community Health Centers, it also included deep cuts to public health funding, risky changes to Medicaid and Medicare financing, and new barriers for families to access affordable health care coverage in the private marketplace.  
   **Passed 242-174, November 3, 2017**

### 7. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (House Version)
   **Vote #637 (H.R. 1)**

   NETWORK opposed this bill which would result in wide-reaching, regressive changes to the tax code by adopting provisions that largely benefit corporations and the highest-income households while offering little to no relief to middle and lower-income households. It also adds $1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years.  
   **Passed 227-205, November 16, 2017**

### 8. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Conference Report)
   **Vote #699 (H.R. 1)**

   NETWORK opposed this final, agreed-upon version of the GOP’s tax overhaul. The bill remained extremely regressive by design, and the tax cuts increase the deficit drastically, thereby endangering future funding for critical programs. The bill also repeals the ACA’s individual insurance mandate, which will result in millions more people becoming uninsured and increase premium costs.  
   **Passed 224-201, December 20, 2017**

### 9. Dream Act/Children's Health Insurance Program

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### House Changes during this Session

- Mike Pompeo (R-KA-4), Resigned January 23, 2017
- Ron Estes (R-KA-4), Elected April 11, 2017
- Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34), Resigned January 24, 2017
- Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34), Elected June 6, 2017
- Tom Price (R-GA-6), Resigned February 10, 2017
- Karen Handel (R-GA-6), Elected June 20, 2017
- Mick Mulvaney (R-SC-5), Resigned February 16, 2017
- Ralph Norman (R-SC-5), Elected June 20, 2017
- Ryan Zinke (R-MT), Resigned March 1, 2017
- Greg Gianforte (R-MT), Elected May 25, 2017
- Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3), Resigned June 30, 2017
- John Curtis (R-UT-3), Elected November 7, 2017
- Tim Murphy (R-PA-18), Resigned October 21, 2017
- John Conyers (D-MI-13), Resigned December 5, 2017
- Trent Franks (R-AZ-8), Resigned December 8, 2017
### How They Voted in the House

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#### 11 Mark DeSaulnier (D)
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#### 37 Karen Bass (D)
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#### 25 Steve Knight (R)
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#### 36 Raul Ruiz (D)
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#### 34 Jimmy Gomez (D)
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#### 32 Grace F. Napolitano (D)
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#### 30 Brad Sherman (D)
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#### 29 Tony Cárdenas (D)
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#### 28 Adam B. Schiff (D)
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#### 27 Judy Chu (D)
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#### 21 David Valadao (R)
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#### 18 Anna G. Eshoo (D)
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#### 16 Jim Costa (D)
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#### 12 Nancy Pelosi (D)
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#### 5 Mo Brooks (R)
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#### 2 Martha Roby (R)
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### Key to votes:

- **Voted with NETWORK**
- **Voted against NETWORK**
- **Did not vote**
- **Inactive/not in office**

#### California

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#### California (continued)

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- **NETWORK**
- **Active/in office**
- **Inactive/not in office**
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| 2 Don Bacon (R) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |
| 3 Adrian Smith (R) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |

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| 2 Mark Amodee (R) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |
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| 12 Carolyn B. Maloney (D) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |
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| 15 Jose E. Serrano (D) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |
| 16 Eliot L. Engel (D) |     |     |       |          |          |             |            |           |

### Key to Votes:

**American Health Care Act**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

**Decrease ICE Funding**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

**Criminal Alien Removal Act**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

**House Budget Resolution**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

**Championing Healthy Kids Act**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

**House Tax Bill**

- Voted with NETWORK
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- Did not vote

**Conference Tax Bill**

- Voted with NETWORK
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- Did not vote

**Dream Act/CHIP Funding**

- Voted with NETWORK
- Voted against NETWORK
- Did not vote

### First Quarter 2018 Voting Record

- **NETWORK position**
  - Voting record
  - Active/not in office

### Key to Votes

1. **American Health Care Act**
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### Percentage with Asterisk (*)

- Signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.
### Key to votes:

- **NETWORK** position votes with their respective party stance.
- **Inactive/not in office** status noted for legislators who are no longer in office.

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Finding a New Measure of Winning

BY MEG OLSON

There is no doubt about it: 2017 has been a rough year for justice-seekers. As I write this, I am sitting with the devastating reality that before leaving on their holiday vacations, Congress passed a bill that will increase taxes for taxpayers in the lowest brackets, cause 13 million people to lose their health insurance, and exacerbate our nation’s already staggering racial wealth gap. And this is just one example of how Congress and the Trump administration are hurting people living in poverty, people of color, immigrants, labor, women, the earth…

Some days I look at my postcard of Dorothy Day’s famous adage and think, “Dorothy, I do have the right to sit down and feel hopeless! Nothing is working!”

And yet, I know that I need to pursue Gospel justice with joy and persistence and approach situations with hope and welcome. And, as the lead NETWORK organizer, I am called to model this joy, hope, and welcome for you, our members, who reach out on a daily basis, asking what else you can do to pass the Dream Act or save the Affordable Care Act.

If I take a step back from the immediate crisis at hand and look at this past year, I can actually muster up quite a bit of hope. I just have to accept that in these challenging times, I need to adjust my expectations about winning.

In my early days of organizing, I was taught to think of multiple answers to the question, “What does winning look like?” Yes, the ultimate “win” is stopping harmful legislation or passing a bill that supports the common good. However, “winning” also looks like people committing to taking action, strengthening relationships with those who share their values, and building power.

So here’s how I’ve seen NETWORK’s members and activists win in 2017:

- You’ve committed to taking action by making more than 50,000 phone calls to Congress; going on more than 40 in-district visits; and attending town halls, rallies, and even protests.

- You’ve strengthened your relationships with your fellow NETWORK members, with organizations led by Dreamers, and members of other faith-based organizations such as Bread for the World and Faith in Indiana.

- You’re building power in your congressional districts. I know that because our Government Relations team will gleefully tell me when they get back from the Hill, “Congressman Pete King’s Legislative Assistant started our meeting by thanking NETWORK and crediting our members for urging Rep. King to work on a solution for Dreamers before the end of the year!” or “Congresswoman Brooks’s staffer said that the Congresswoman told her about the great meeting she had with NETWORK members!”

We’ve got a long road ahead of us to mend the wealth, income, and access gaps in our nation, especially for people living in poverty, women, people of color, and those living in the intersections of those realities. But I have hope that in 2018, NETWORK’s members and activists will commit to taking more action, deepening their relationships with fellow justice-seekers, and to building even more power.

And yes, I believe that we will win!
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