



# The Armchair Advocate

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## CORC's Faith Days on the Hill Quickly Approaching

Faith Days, where CORC members and their friends come to the Capitol to advocate for CORC's issues are every Tuesday and Thursday during the Legislative Session. Persons interested in attending a Faith Day might consider coming to one of the legislative orientation sessions on Thursday, January 11th at the Capitol (West Building) from 11:30 - 1pm or from 3 - 4:30 pm. The orientation session will prepare you to make an impact during your faith's day on the hill. Several faith's have already

chosen their day. See the list below to see open dates or when your faith group is coming.

### CORC Members Honored with Awards for Dedication

Glen Brown and Gail Johnson were recognized at Crossroad Urban Center's Annual Open House and Volunteer Recognition in October.

Glen Brown, CORC steering committee member was given the advocacy award for his work with CORC. Glen has been a consistent leader in CORC for several years, serving as steering committee chair for the last two years.



Gail Johnson, CORC member received an award for all of the work that she has done to help the Community Food CO-OP of Utah in it's first year of operation. Her hard work was vital to the CO-OP's success. Congrats to both Glen and Gail.



January 23 - Lutheran  
25 - Presbyterian  
30 - Unitarian Universalist

February 1 - United Methodist  
6 -  
8 - Disciples of Christ  
13 -  
15 -

Every date listed above has room for one or more faith groups to attend. To schedule your faith's day on the hill contact Linda or Adam - 364.7765

## Basic Healthcare Day on Capitol Hill

January 15, 2007  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

January 15 is the first day of the 2007 legislative session. Come help Utahns from several different faith and community organizations to ask our state legislators to make 2007 the year they begin to solve Utah's healthcare crisis.

# 2007 Utah Legislative Session

## Preview of Bill Requests

### CORC's Primary Bills

- ~Ed Mayne - Minimum Wage Amendments - Amends the State minimum wage to \$7 an hour
- ~Ed Mayne - Lending Registration Acts - Puts some limits on the payday loan industry including financial penalties for law violations
- ~Cosponsored by Fowlke, et.al - Payday loan limits (working with CORC)
- ~Scott McCoy - Resolution Establishing Right to Healthcare - Amends state Constitution to make it state's responsibility to insure that all Utahns have access to basic, affordable healthcare.
- ~Darin Peterson - Earned Income Tax Credit - put in place for Utah state
- ~Ben Ferry - Sales and Use Tax Modifications
- ~Neil Hansen - Minimum Wage Provisions
- ~Lou Shurtliff - Payday Loans
- ~Wayne Harper - Income tax amendments - further work on the dual income tax system
- ~Wayne Harper - Sales and use taxation of amusement devices

### CORC's Bills To Watch

- ~Mike Dmitrich - Sales Tax Exemption for Irrigation Equipment
- ~Sheldon Killpack - Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Diabetic Equipment and Supplies
- ~Ed Mayne - Resolution Submitting Minimum Wage Question to Voters - last week 6 states voted successfully to raise the minimum wage. Of these six states, four of them are Utah's neighbors
- ~Howard Stephenson - Proportionate Political Representation in Legislative Management Committee and Joint's Subcommittees.
- ~Howard Stephenson - Tax Credits for Alternate Power Generation
- ~John Dougall - Property tax exemption for personal property
- ~John Dougall - Revenues for qualified emergency food agencies
- ~John Dougall - Sales and Use Tax Treatment of Tips and Gratuities
- ~James Dunnigan - Income tax subtraction for health insurance premiums
- ~Craig Frank - Local option sales and use tax amendments
- ~Wayne Harper - Sales and Use tax amendments
- ~Carol Moss - Income tax - education funding
- ~Scott Wyatt - Local Option Distribution Formula - for the distribution of the Local Option Sales and Use Tax

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## Next CORC Meeting

Dec. 14?  
8:30 a.m. in Salt Lake City  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
261 South 900 East  
Coffee and breakfast treats

Dec. 14?  
11:45 a.m. in Ogden  
Ogden United Church of Christ  
3350 Harrison Blvd.  
Drinks and dessert provided