

IDEAS TO STIMULATE LOCAL GRASS-ROOTS ACTION

- Conduct community viewing of *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, followed by discussion and suggested actions. To get a DVD for your organization or congregation, go to www.nrcat.org . Viewings will be held the week of June 25 and October 23.
- Take a petition-style copy of the NRCAT statement *Torture is a Moral Issue* to meetings where you can invite people to sign – or put into your announcements / notices information about the statement with the website – either www.nrcat.org or www.tortureisamoralissue.org .
- Amnesty International USA also has a petition circulating, *The America I believe in does not torture people*. Go to the website www.aiusa.org and to the issue TORTURE where there are many ideas for activities at the local level.
- Contact your members of Congress. Especially powerful are visits to the staff or the Members, either in Washington, DC, or in a district office in your home state. A user-friendly website to find out all you might want to know about your members of Congress is Friends Committee on National Legislation: www.fcnl.org. Look on the web page to the left and click on *Contact Congress* and with the entry of your zip code you can get contact information, a list of staff members and district office addresses and key votes.
- Find out more about the issues, especially about the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA) and Restoring the Constitution Act of 2007 (RCA) – which reverses many of the provisions of the MCA. Go to www.fcnl.org/torture , or the Center for Constitutional Rights at www.ccr-ny.org or Human Rights First at www.humanrightsfirst.org
- Attend Presidential debates and ask questions about their attitudes toward current law. One simple question might be, “Would you recommend that another country adopt a law similar to the MCA and apply that to Americans? If not, what would you change?”
- Order and post a banner, *Torture is Wrong*. Go to www.nrcat.org/involvement_banner.aspx .
- There are many excellent web sites with suggestions for local action. Here are a few web sites:
 - The Washington Region Religious Campaign Against Torture, www.wrrcat.org
 - No2Torture, www.no2torture.org
 - National Religious Campaign Against Torture, www.nrcat.org