
ABCUSA Call to Prayer for Myanmar 2021

April 2021 Update



The ABCUSA Burma Refugee Commission is grateful for the many ways that American Baptists have participated in the Call to Prayer for Myanmar.

Funding Support:

Approximately \$5500 was raised thus far for relief efforts through International Ministries/One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). For more information, [visit this page](#).

The Regional Executive Ministers Council has also made a gift of \$5000 to OGHS, targeted specifically for the support of the Myanmar Baptist Convention, our sister and partnering denomination in Myanmar who supports and serves over 5,3000 churches throughout the country.

Recent activities of the Burma Refugee Commission:

- Letters of Advocacy have been sent to:
 - President Biden
 - Vice-president Harris
 - Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor
 - Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State
 - General Secretary of the UN
 - U.S. Ambassador to UN
 - And the following Senators:
 - Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Senator Jim Risch (R-Idaho), ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), top Democrat on the East Asia Subcommittee,
 - Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)
 - Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.)
 - Senator Thom Tillis (R-N.C.),
 - Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.)
 - Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine)
 - Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)
 - Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas)
 - Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.)
 - Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.)
 - Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)
 - Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)
 - Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.)
 - Items of advocacy have included:
 - **Recognition** of the democratically elected leaders and release of the 200 political detainees.

- **United Nations.** U.S. Government to cooperate with member nations of the U.N. and ask the formation of a UN Security Council resolution under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. Launch diplomatic conversations with **China** so they would not block a resolution from U.N.
 - **Sanctions** should be targeted toward the business sector and military leaders, but sanctions by themselves are not enough.
 - **Protected status** to embassy staff members supporting the CDM (Civil Disobedience Movement).
 - **Support of CRPH:** Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
 - Signatures for House Resolution 105.
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- Requesting that the Senate appropriations committee to approve humanitarian aid for the country of Myanmar and requesting funds for strengthening the civil society movement.
 - Meetings with representatives of the CRPH, including Vice-President Mahn Win Khaing Than.
 - Meetings with the Myanmar Baptist Convention.
 - Meeting with the UN Security Council.
 - Meeting with Senator Warnock's staff.
 - Supporting protests in several places including Washington DC.