

CEOs and PR Staff, don't miss AGRM's...

# DC FORUM

## on Policy and Advocacy

March 18, 19, 20, 2012 | Washington, D.C.

### We have two choices!

We can “hide in the weeds” and pray that the government doesn't interfere with what we are doing at and through our missions, or we can engage with government and have a part in shaping public policy as it relates to ministering to the poor. The Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) is a strong proponent of the latter. That is why we have a public policy agenda and a government liaison on our staff.

### Now is the time!

With this being an election year, it's more important than ever to be present in Washington, D.C., interacting with agencies, lawmakers, caucuses, and committees. Our DC Forum will

educate you about the latest government issues—and there are many—affecting faith-based organizations that work with homeless and addicted people. It will also give you a unique opportunity to build relationships with the leaders of advocacy groups that share your goals. You can tell your story, voice your concerns, and discuss ways to work together in the future.

If you already know your federal elected officials, this is a great opportunity to keep the relationship strong by visiting them in their D.C. settings. If you don't know them, here is a chance to introduce yourself and your ministry, and invite them to your mission when they are back home.

### A comfortable and convenient place to stay!

Washington D.C., is a very expensive city, and hotels “close to the action” can be pricy. AGRM has reserved very reasonable rooms at the well-appointed [Kellogg Conference Hotel](#) at Gallaudet University, just north of the Capitol. The rates shown below include all of the meetings, meals, and overnights at Kellogg. (You can choose single or double occupancy.)

#### Rates:

##### Double occupancy

Two nights, five meals: **\$495**

##### Single occupancy

Two nights, five meals: **\$795**

#### Emerging Leader Welcome!

Did you know that the average age of a congressional aide is 31? AGRM needs to show its own “fresh faces” on Capitol Hill. Who is under age 35 on your staff that needs to attend? AGRM can make a huge statement about the depth in our ranks, plus we can get our upcoming leaders oriented to the workings of government at an early stage in their careers.



## Airports:

Reagan National Airport (DCA)

Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI)

Attendees are responsible for arranging and paying for their own transportation from and to the airport. We recommend a cab or [SuperShuttle](#). Gospel Rescue Mission Ministries, one of our members, will provide transportation between Kellogg and meeting locations over the course of the event.

## Schedule:

### ***Sunday, March 18, 2012***

7:00 p.m. Welcome and Dinner at Kellogg  
7:45 p.m. Forum Overview and D.C. Orientation

### ***Monday, March 19, 2012***

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Kellogg  
8:00 a.m. Depart for Capitol Hill  
9:00 a.m. Devotional and Prayer for the Nation  
9:30 a.m. Forum: Charitable Deductions and Tax Reform  
10:15 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. Forum: Nonprofit Postage and Email  
11:15 a.m. Forum: Health Care and HHS Requirements  
12:00 p.m. Working Lunch on Capitol Hill  
1:15 p.m. Forum: Hosanna-Tabor vs. EEOC

### ***Monday, March 19, 2012 (cont.)***

1:45 p.m. Forum: Fair Housing and Shelters  
2:30 p.m. Break  
2:45 p.m. Forum: Vehicle Donations  
3:15 p.m. Talking Points and Meeting Strategies  
4:15 p.m. Optional Tour of Library of Congress  
6:00 p.m. Dinner at Cafe Berlin  
7:30 p.m. Optional Embassy Row Walking Tour

### ***Tuesday, March 20, 2012***

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Kellogg  
9:00 a.m. Individual Appointments on Capitol Hill Begin  
12:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own  
5:00 p.m. Appointments Conclude  
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Debriefing at GRM

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Invitations have been sent to a number of cabinet members, lawmakers, and other key influencers, asking them to join us throughout our time. Unfortunately, most Washington appointments are never confirmed until a week out, but you can certainly expect several special guests.

**THIRD NIGHT:** For those desiring to stay a third night at Kellogg and attend the [Alliance for Charitable Reform Summit for Leaders](#) on Wednesday (no charge), contact [Lisa Miller](#).

# REGISTER for the DC FORUM

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To [register](#) for the DC Forum, go to [www.agrm.org](http://www.agrm.org), Attend an Event, then select [DC Forum](#). You can also contact Meetings and Events Manager **Lisa Miller** at [lmiller@agrm.org](mailto:lmiller@agrm.org) or by phone at (719) 266-8300 x107 with any questions related to the event.

Registration open to AGRM member missions only.

