

Faith for Impact: An IF20 Policy Forum
Riggs Library, Georgetown University, May 26, 2026

At a time of global turmoil and uncertainty, how can religious communities increase their impact around the critical policy challenges we face? The G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) is convening leaders from the worlds of faith and policy to address this vitally important question.

The forum, to take place on the campus of Georgetown University in Washington, DC, will address three key themes of the 2026 US G20 presidency: economic deregulation, energy security, and AI innovation. The economic, social, and political dimensions of these issues relate closely to the ethical teachings and practical experience of the religious communities that encompass three-quarters of the global population. How best to raise religious voices and elevate religious impact around these issues will be at the heart of a day-long conversation.

This gathering is part of a year-long IF20 consultation process to culminate in policy reports and recommendations on the three themes for G20 leaders gathered in Miami next December.

Draft schedule

9:30-9:45am Welcome and Introduction

Tom Banchoff and Katherine Marshall, Georgetown

9:45-11:15am Economic Growth for the Common Good

How do religious values and practices relate to economic deregulation? Are there creative ways to combine market reforms with social justice in service to the common good? What are positive examples of religious impact in this area?

Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network

Mohammed Elsanoussi, Executive Director, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers

Michael Matheson Miller, Acton Institute

Katherine Marshall, Georgetown (moderator)

11:15-11:30am Coffee Break

11:30am-12:45pm Energy Security for a Sustainable Future

How do religious values and practices relate to energy security? Are there effective ways to combine increased energy production with sustainability progress on climate change? What are positive examples of religious impact in this area?

Esben Larsen, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute

Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, Founder and CEO of Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action

Nancy Tuchman, Dean, School of Environmental Sustainability, Loyola Chicago University

Tom Banchoff, Georgetown (moderator)

12:45-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm AI Innovation and Human Dignity

How do religious values and practices relate to technological innovation and the AI revolution?

Are there effective ways to promote AI while protecting human dignity and serving the common good? What are positive examples of religious engagement in this area?

Henry Mack, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor
Undral Ganbaatar, UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab
David Saperstein, Religious Action Center
Brett Scharffs, Brigham Young University Law School (moderator)

3:30-3:45pm Coffee Break

3:45-5:00pm Keynote

Lord Russell Rook, Good Faith Partnership

5:00-5:45pm Reception

For the panels, speakers will prepare 4-5 minutes of reflections on the questions, followed by discussion on stage and then with the audience.