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In this year of so many important and unexpected developments, we continue to see news and actions that impact faith freedom for all people. BJC continues to serve Baptists and others who are committed to protecting faith freedom — not just for themselves but for those of different beliefs and backgrounds, too. Here are notes from the workshop and links to additional information:

Join us for the BJC Luncheon on Friday, June 26, when we will host a conversation focused on the new book *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. Learn more and register for free at BJCOnline.org/luncheon.

For additional in-depth conversations about what's at stake for religious liberty in 2020, check out our Respecting Religion podcast series. Search for "BJC Podcast" on your favorite podcast app, or see a list of episodes at BJCOnline.org/RespectingReligion.

If you want to schedule a virtual educational session with BJC, visit BJCOnline.org/visit.

Religious liberty at the U.S. Supreme Court

Our work at the U.S. Supreme Court involves filing friend-of-the-court briefs in significant religious liberty cases.

To learn more about the Supreme Court cases on the ministerial exception (*Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru* and *St. James School v. Biel*), listen to [episode 13 of Respecting Religion](#).

For more on the various lawsuits over stay-at-home orders related to the coronavirus pandemic, listen to [episode 10 of Respecting Religion](#). For a discussion on challenges facing churches as the country begins to reopen, listen to [episode 14](#).

Visit our website to learn more about the case involving government funding of religion: *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*. Resources, the brief filed by BJC and a link to the podcast are all available on our website at BJCOnline.org/Espinoza.

Religious liberty in Congress

Right now, Congress is properly focused on providing economic relief to the coronavirus pandemic. BJC released an analysis of how the CARES Act and other relief measures may impact houses of worship. Find that article and others at BJCOnline.org/COVID-19.

Prior to the pandemic declaration, we were working on several issues and continue to have some meetings. One area of focus has been encouraging the global repeal of blasphemy and apostasy laws. [This handout](#) provides more information about the resolutions making their way through Congress.

If you are interested in receiving updates about ways you can make a difference by contacting your representatives about religious liberty issues, join the BJC Advocacy Team! Sign up for our emails at BJCOnline.org/subscribe and check the box to let us know you want to join the team.