# The Tennessee Faith & Justice Alliance

An initiative of the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission's Faith-Based Committee

Tennessee consistently has one of the highest poverty rates in the nation, sometimes scoring within the top ten poorest states. About 1 in 7 Tennesseans live at or below the poverty line.





1.2
Million

#### Tennesseans

Have a **legal**problem and could qualify for federally funded legal aid.

The Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance is a **collaboration** between faith-based groups and attorneys who commit to providing and connecting **legal resources** in their congregations and communities.

## **Faith and Justice Alliance Models**





Refer



Establish



#### Model 1

Training clergy and lay leaders to spot potential legal issues when they are listening to the concerns of parishioners

### Model 2

Using a Referral Model designed to pair volunteer lawyers with congregants in need of legal assistance

### Model 3

Establishing inter-faith free legal advice clinics

### Model 4

Providing community education trainings on common legal issues relevant to the community

### What are we asking of you?

#### Get the word out!

Be willing to promote TFJA projects and available legal resources to your community using your organization's infrastructure

#### Get plugged in!

Contact us at <a href="mailto:atjinfo@tncourts.gov">atjinfo@tncourts.gov</a> for more information about how to get involved.

#### Get involved!

Talk with your faith community and work with our team to determine what other kinds of participation in the Tennessee Faith & Justice Alliance might be right for you.

