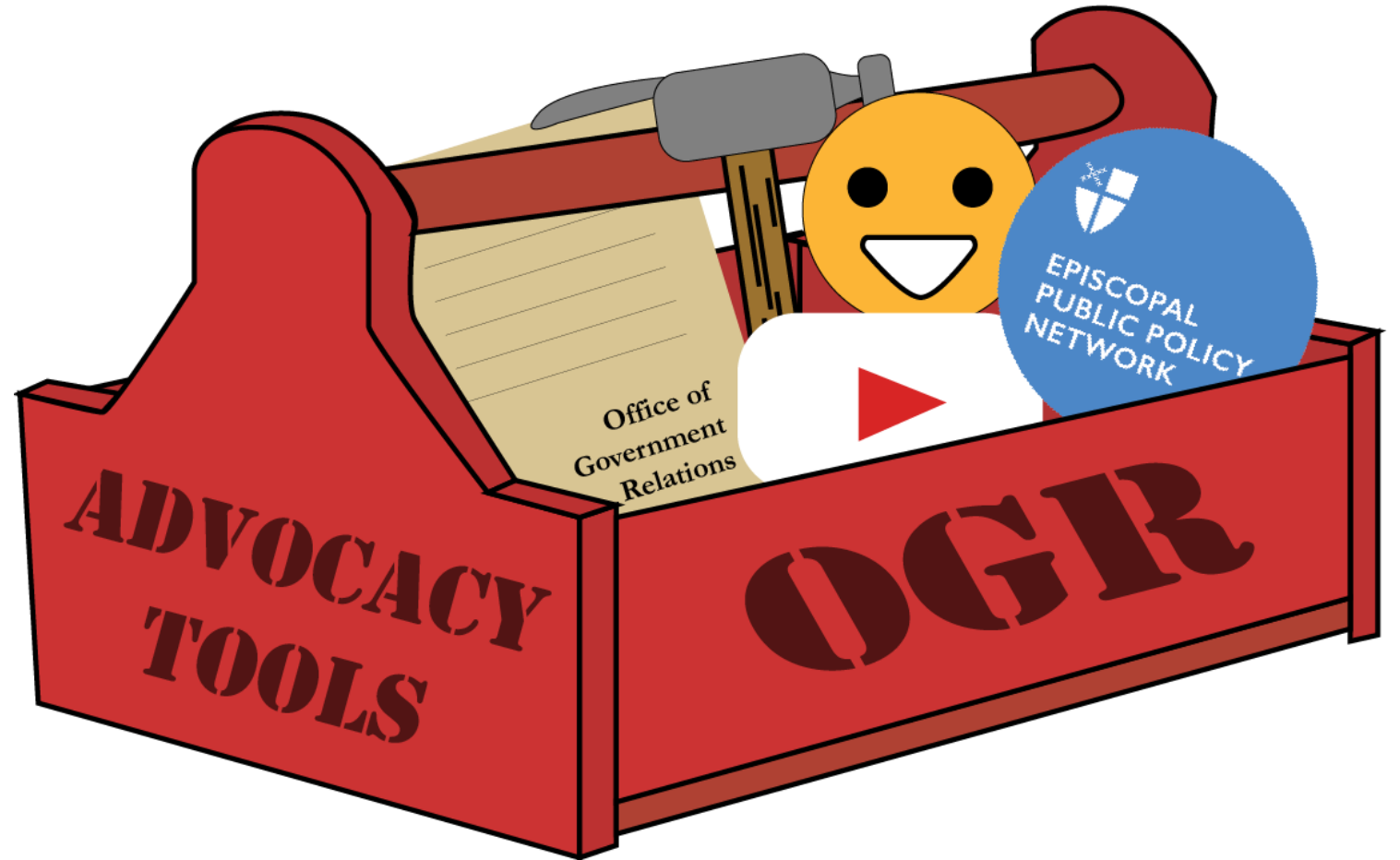


Educate.  
Equip.  
Engage.  
Advocate.



# WHY ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY?

Tiny top hat from EYE! 



# Why Advocate to Elected Officials?



“Speak out for those who  
cannot speak,  
for the rights of all the  
destitute.

Speak out, judge  
righteously,

defend the rights of the  
poor and needy.”

-Proverbs 31:8-9

## Scripture

# Why Advocate to the Government?

## Scale

1 in 20 bags of **food assistance** in the U.S. comes from a charitable organization—the federal government provides the rest.



Individuals can take actions to minimize our environmental impact, but we need a regulatory framework to better protect our **environment.**



## Authority

1. Immigration and Refugees

2. Foreign Policy

3. Civil Rights Protections





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**Track  
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**Inform policy debate with  
expert and regional voices**

**Internal letters  
and statements**

**Work in coalitions**

**Contribute to bill  
drafts**

**Legislators ask for expertise**

**Find bill co-sponsors**

**Offer welcome and gratitude**

**Maintain relationships with career officials**

**Build and strengthen Congressional relationships**





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