

## DCCW Legislative Report June 2026 By Donna Murphy, Legislative Commission

During the summer months when the Utah State Legislature is not in the Annual General Session as in January to March, there are Interim Sessions which take place as new ideas for the bills for the upcoming session will be reviewed. The schedule for those meetings can be found on the web site [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) as they started on Tuesday May 20, 2026 and will generally be on the third Wednesday of each month. Public input is encouraged a good time for people to attend these meetings to voice their concerns.

If you did register to vote in the Primary Elections within party lines, please remember to turn in your voting ballots signed before June 23. If you lost your ballot you can still go in person to vote on June 23 for the primary election.

Catholic Social Justice Teachings include 7 main themes which will be focused on in the upcoming articles and include:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person.
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation.
- Rights and Responsibilities.
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.
- Solidarity.
- Care for God's Creation.

In respect to Life and Dignity of the Human Person, it includes not having abortions and ending capital punishment or the death penalty. Both of these topics are highly controversial topics to the general public from legal, ethical and human rights grounds. But within our Catholic teachings both of these practices with abortion and the death penalty are truly wrong and sinful. The other portion of this theme is in reference to treating human beings with respect and dignity. This topic is enmeshed with mistreating others, especially immigrants or people who may be less fortunate than us. We believe that every human person is precious and that we are created in the image and likeness of God. Another reminder for us is to please research the [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) website as to take action on the political stance of issues in critical times when we need to be united as Catholics and take a stand. Once you go to the web site then navigate to Issues & Action, then Legislative Issues. There's an easy format that if you agree with the USCCB viewpoint you can easily send a letter to your national legislators. Senate Bill 1298 & House Bill 2672 Religious Workforce Protection Act were returned to the Judiciary Committee in March 2025, but thank you to all of those who wrote to your

senators and congress members. God Bless you & May there be Peace in the U.S.A. and the world.