

THIS WEEK IN CONSCIENCE & JUSTICE

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Lives Are at Stake

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) is a body of nine political appointees—men and women of different faiths who have monitored religious freedom violations worldwide for the past 25 years. This body is unique to the US, so much so that international leaders seek their advice on religious freedom and limitations matters within their respective countries. Editor of Liberty magazine, Betina Krause, interviewed Chair Cooper and Vice Chair Davie about the work of USCIRF and how it maintains its remarkable track record of bipartisan collaboration.

How Faith leaders are urging Congress to remember Wadee Alfayoumi

On Oct. 14, 2023, 6-year-old Wadee Alfayoumi was killed in a Chicago suburb by 71-year-old Joseph Czuba. His acts were motivated by radical anti-Muslim sentiments and Israel's war against Hamas. In response, the Wadee Alfayoumi resolution was drawn and presented to Congress to honor Alfayoumi's life and denounce hate speech and crimes against Palestinians and Muslims. On May 19, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders prayed for children and the adoption of the resolution.



Sudan at 'Imminent risk of famine,' U.N. aid chiefs warn

Injustice takes many forms, one of those being starvation. According to United Nations agencies, the people of Sudan are under imminent threat of famine and starvation due to more than a year into a war between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). The people of Sudan starve as they are displaced from their lands, living under bombardments, and cut off from humanitarian assistance.



Chief removed amid discrimination, harassment lawsuits

How might we respond to discrimination in the workplace? Can a discriminatory culture be changed? In 2022, Adrian Diaz was appointed to serve as Seattle's police chief. However, he was recently removed from his post due to lawsuits from at least six officers alleging discrimination against women and people of color. Mayor Bruce Harrell said culture change is coming; however, Sumeer Singla, the attorney for the four women, emphasized the department's extensive repertoire of discrimination.



After 'whites only' job posting, tech staffing firm settles with DOJ, Labor

Are there still specific race and nationality requirements for job candidates in 2024? In Dallas, Texas, Arthur Grand Technologies sought new employees. The job post read, "Only Born US Citizens [White] who are local within 60 miles from Dallas, TX [Don't share with candidates]." The company has been penalized with a civil penalty of \$7,500 and a total of \$31,000 to 31 people who complained about the posting.



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