

## **Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty (TCADP)**

### **History**

Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty was formed in the late 1970s by a group of concerned citizens in response to the reinstatement of the death penalty by the U.S. Supreme Court.

### **Mission**

Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty coordinates and encourages local efforts of individuals and groups to promote alternatives to the death penalty. Our members represent diverse backgrounds and persuasions but are united by the conviction that capital punishment is bad public policy. TCADP members speak before legislative committees and at houses of worship and other venues. The TCADP has a close working relationship with the Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP), the Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC), Equal Justice USA, and other state and national organizations working on death penalty and human rights issues.

### **Activities**

The following activities are carried out by the TCADP as follows:

#### *Execution Vigils*

At the time of an execution in the State of Florida TCADP members and associates meet in front of the Florida Governor's Mansion for a candlelight vigil of songs and spiritual readings to remember the executed prisoner and victim(s).

#### *Service of Remembrance*

At 12:00 noon on the first business workday after an execution by the State of Florida, TCADP members and associates meet around the Great Seal of the State of Florida at the Rotunda of the Florida Capitol to remember the murdered prisoner and victim(s). The group is led in song and readings. There is a moment of silence and those attending are encouraged to speak about the injustice of the death penalty. Often an attendee knows the murdered prisoner or the victim(s) and gives a remembrance in honor of that person or persons. After the service attendees sign the program of the service and take it to the Governor's office at the Capitol.

Before or after the above activities, attendees are available to speak with media outlets who attend the vigil or service.

### **For more information, please call:**

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