Retreat in D.C

From January 9th to January 12th, the 2019-2020 STAND Managing Committee convened in Washington, D.C. for a weekend of advocacy, campaign-planning, and grassroots organizing. The MC heard from representatives of major NGOs including Mercy Corps, Oxfam America, and Refugees International as well as conflict-specific experts for South Sudan, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The MC also lobbied on Capitol Hill, visiting offices from both the House and Senate to gather support for the Youth, Peace, and Security Act and bills for Burma and increased refugee intake. Pictured above are three members of the MC meeting with Senator Boozman (R-AR).

NEED LESSONS?

We have created a sample lesson plan for you to use during your own chapter meetings. Use this link to access them. Look out for more in future newsletters!
Travel Ban Statement

In light of the Trump Administration’s addition of six new countries to the travel ban, the STAND Managing Committee released a statement opposing the updated ban. The latest iteration of the travel ban includes two of STAND’s priority conflict areas, Burma and Sudan. STAND denounces the discriminatory policy, while also noting it comes when refugee acceptance in the U.S. is already historically low despite our responsibility to welcome those fleeing conflict and religious persecution.

Mass Atrocities FAQs

Need help understanding the difference between mass atrocity and genocide? We’ve got you covered! Here is a list (compiled by STAND’s Education & Communications Coordinator, Abby Edwards) of common questions that youth have and their answers.

Managing Committee Applications!

Apply to be a member of the 2021-2022 Managing Committee! Applications are open for both the Managing Committee and Student Director. Both positions work to develop campaigns and advocacy tasks for STAND’s areas of conflict throughout the year and serve as the leaders of STAND’s Action Committees. MC applications are open until March 29th, and SD applications are open until March 15. We hope you’ll apply! Click here.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? UPDATES?

Please fill out this google form so we can better help our chapters! We would love to hear if these newsletters and lesson plans are helping you.