

Ali made the world “a better place,” pastor tells Louisville mourners

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“What set (Muhammad Ali) apart was the way in which he poured out his heart through nonviolent action and deed to fight for a better world. And he indeed succeeded in making our world a better place.” — *Louisville pastor Jason Crosby*

Cautious praise offered for new rules on payday lending

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Some consumer advocates—including representatives from the faith community—offered cautious praise for proposed new rules designed to clamp down on payday lending abuses.

Do No Harm Act seeks to rein in

RFRA claims

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Some of the original supporters of the national Religious Freedom Restoration Act believe it needs to be amended to prevent discrimination.
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Heartache permeates commencement services for Clementa Pinckney

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Civil rights martyrs pursued the path of resistance despite the possibility of injury or death. However, their children did not.

Supreme Court sends contraceptive-mandate cases

back to lower courts

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Zubik v. Burwell—in which religious nonprofits claim Obamacare’s contraceptive mandate violates their religious beliefs—is going back for further review.

Religiously diverse groups say mosque should get OK

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Baptists, Sikhs and Hare Krishnas told a federal court they think a proposal to erect a New Jersey mosque should be approved.

Holy Twitter! Trump takes on SBC ethics agency chief

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Donald Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, has mounted a Twitter war with the Southern Baptist Convention’s chief ethicist, Russell Moore.

Target boycott petition attracts 895,000 signers

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Mississippi-based American Family Association launched the boycott, claiming that sex offenders exploit non-discrimination laws to gain access to the women's room. Media Matters for America called the assertion an "urban myth."

Religious leaders urge political parties to reject Islamophobia

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Christian, Jewish and Islamic leaders joined to urge the Democratic and Republican national committees to protect religious minorities on the campaign trail.

Christians see predatory lending as sinful

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Self-identified Christians in 30 states—from Alabama to Wyoming—say it’s a sin to lend money to someone who can’t afford to pay it back.

Faith coalition cites survey condemning payday lending

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Faith for Just Living, a diverse coalition of religious groups, released a report titled “The Collateral Consequences of Payday Loan Debt,” which reports the experiences of churches and borrowers in dealing with payday and car-title loans.

Nonprofits, government move toward compromise on

contraceptive mandate

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Both the Obama administration and religious nonprofits that object to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate have responded positively to a Supreme Court proposal for middle ground.