In many circles, the words “religion” and “human rights” are seen as opposing concepts. For many activists working on women’s rights, LGBT concerns, and more, organized faith communities and their leaders are invariably a big part of the problem, and only rarely, if ever, part of the solution. This view, however, vastly underestimates existing and potential points of collaboration.

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