

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial:
Project Role:

Hart, Thomas H.
Deputy Director/Director of Government
Relations, ONE

Senior Director, US Government Relations, ONE

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Tom devises and executes ONE's government relations strategy in Washington, DC, including funding for HIV/AIDS, Millennium Challenge Account, and other development programs, as well as policy changes on debt relief and trade with poor countries. In addition to lobbying duties, Tom helps manage ONE's overall strategy and message.

Director of Government Relations, Episcopal Church, USA **January 1996 – January 2003**

Tom directed all aspects of the 2.5 million-member church's national nonprofit's lobbying activities, including direct contact with Congress and Administration, media relations, grassroots organizing and mobilization, and coalition building. As Director, Tom led a lobbying campaign resulting in a landmark international agreement to provide debt relief to the world's poorest countries, which has released more than \$1 billion annually for poverty reduction and development. Activities included developing legislation outlining the United States position and securing cosponsors, convincing the Administration to adopt the position and negotiate a deal with international partners at the G-7 and at the World Bank and IMF, and securing appropriations of \$785 million from Congress to fund the U.S. share of the initiative. Tom's tenure also resulted in a ten fold increase in church membership, the creation of 8 staff affiliates, and a twofold increase in staff and budget.

Tom served as the Church's Director of Government Relations from November 1997 to January 2003. From January 1996 – November 1997 he was the Church's Deputy Director.

Prior to working for the Episcopal Church Tom worked in the US Senate.

Education:

Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts in Government, 1991

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