

Social Creed

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ
Calls us by grace

***To be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.***

Today is the day

God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace,

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God deplores violence in our homes and streets
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God calls for nations and people to live in peace
celebrate where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb

And so shall we.

Today is the day

***God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives
gives sight to the blind and
sets the oppressed free.***

AND SO SHALL WE

The Mission of the East Ohio Conference Church and Society Committee is

*to educate and teach the Social Principles of the
United Methodist Church following the example
of Jesus Christ and to inspire United Methodists
to advocate for the realization of God's vision of
abundant life.*



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Speaking to Social Concerns

What does the Lord require of you...



*... but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

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SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS

Alcohol and Drug Addiction

We commit ourselves to assisting those who suffer from abuse or dependencies and their families in finding freedom through Jesus Christ and in finding good opportunities for treatment for ongoing counseling and for reintegration into society.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶162 L

Gambling

Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic, and spiritual life, destructive of good government and good stewardship. The Church's prophetic call is to promote standards of justice and advocacy that would make it unnecessary and undesirable to resort to commercial gambling....

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶163 G

Global & Domestic AIDS

(Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

All individuals living with HIV and AIDS should be treated with dignity and respect. We affirm the responsibility of the Church to minister to and with these individuals and their families regardless of how the disease was contracted. We support their rights to employment, appropriate medical care, full participation in public education, and full participation in the church.

We urge the Church to be actively involved in the prevention of the spread of AIDS by providing educational opportunities to the congregation and the community.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶162 U

Immigration

We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God. We affirm the right of all people to equal opportunities for employment, access to housing, healthcare, education and freedom from social discrimination.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶162 H

Public Education

We believe that every person has the right to education. We also believe that the responsibility for education of the young rest with the family, faith communities, and the government. In society, this function can best be fulfilled through public policies that ensure access for all persons to free public elementary and secondary schools and to post-secondary schools of their choice.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶164 E

Political Responsibility

The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens. The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶164 B

Human Trafficking

The church has a difficult and awesome responsibility, by the power of the Holy Spirit to seek justice and Christ's healing in the face of structures of oppression; and such structures of oppression are well-embedded in the institution of sex-trafficking.

The 2012 Book of Resolutions, page 71 I

Hunger & Poverty

To begin to alleviate poverty, we support such policies as: adequate income maintenance, quality education, decent housing, job and hospital care, humanization and radical revisions of welfare programs, work for peace in conflict areas and efforts to protect creation's integrity.

Poverty most often has systemic causes, and therefore, we do not hold poor people morally responsible for their economic state.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶163 E

Peace with Justice

The Peace with Justice Program aims to make shalom visible and active in peoples' lives and communities. Shalom encompasses harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in God's creation. It is more than the absence of war; it is the active presence of peace and the forthright practice of justice.

Medicare and Medicaid

We support social policies that integrate the aging into the life of the total community, including sufficient incomes,..., and adequate medical care and housing within existing communities.

The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶162 E

Government should play a critical role in ensuring that all benefits are available to all older adults to improve their quality of life.

The 2012 Book of Resolutions, page 189