

## Environment

*The earth in its entirety belongs to God, and human beings are entrusted with its stewardship.*

Bring a religious voice in church and society to a broad range of environmental issues and work to advance public policies at all legislative levels that justly promote sustainable practices and the flourishing of the natural world.

### ISSUES:

- Climate Change
- Environmental Justice
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency
- Transition from Coal to Clean Energy

## Global Issues

*The God revealed in Jesus Christ is the God of all nations and peoples.*

Widen the commitment to our common humanity, especially with respect to issues of human rights, war and peace, the environment, and our responsibility to future generations.

### ISSUES:

- International Human Rights
- U.S. Involvement in Issues of War and Peace
- Equitable Use of Natural Resources



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## *The* Common Good AGENDA



**Protestants for the  
Common Good**  
educates and  
mobilizes people of  
faith to participate  
in political  
democracy for  
the sake of social  
justice and the beloved  
community.

*Through education and advocacy, Protestants for the Common Good works at the intersection of faith and public life to advance its agenda for justice and the common good in the following critical areas:*

## Economic Justice

*The loving God of all demands that human beings order their economic life justly.*

Promote a sustainable and healthy economy in which all persons can share; fund governmental functions adequately, with priority given to quality public education and social services for those most in need, based on fair, stable, and responsive taxation; and reduce the growing income inequality that undermines human solidarity and the common good.

### ISSUES:

- Structural Tax Reform
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Minimum Wage/Living Wage
- Poverty Reduction
- TANF Grant Adequacy
- Affordable Housing
- Opposition to Government-Sponsored Gambling

## **P**olitical Justice

*God calls all people to responsible participation in human communities.*

Ensure the full participation of every citizen in shaping a democratic public order in which freedom, equality, and the human rights of all are protected, campaigns and elections are fair and properly funded, and the inclusive and just interdependence of all is assured.

### ISSUES:

- Campaign Finance and Electoral Reform
- Human Rights
- Governmental Ethics
- Affirmative Action
- Immigration

## **P**ublic Education

*The God of wisdom calls every child of God to seek and share the truth that frees us all.*

Secure ample funding and ensure high quality education for all students, irrespective of their local community's tax base, with additional resources allocated to overcome the effects of concentrated poverty.

### ISSUES:

- Public Education Funding Reform for Adequacy and Equality
- Pre-School for All
- Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education and Job Skills Training

## **H**ealth Care

*The God of mercy and compassion, disclosed in the healing ministry of Jesus, invites us to be agents and advocates of health and health care for all.*

Enact public policies that assure quality and comprehensive health care is accessible and affordable to all people, achieve financial, administrative, and regulatory efficiencies so resources will be directed to patient care, and provide health services justly and with compassion.

### ISSUES:

- Health Care Reform
- Comprehensive and Responsible Sex Education
- Preservation of Medicare and Medicaid Systems
- Medical Marijuana
- Hospital Charity Care

## **C**riminal Justice

*Jesus, himself the victim of criminal injustice, calls his followers to join in liberating those who are unjustly imprisoned.*

Reform injustices in the police, judicial, and penal systems, to reestablish rehabilitative resources and services in jails and prisons, and to remove legal and employment barriers for ex-offenders so they may become productive contributors to the common good.

### ISSUES:

- Employment Opportunities for Ex-Offenders
- Alternatives to Incarceration, Including Drug Treatment
- Elimination of Disparities in the Justice System
- Sex Trafficking