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Plumbline: Economic Justice

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“I am setting a plumbline in the midst of my people...” - Amos 7:8

Resources

[1908 Methodist Social Creed](#)

[JubileeUSA](#)

[Interfaith Worker Justice](#)

[Jobs with Justice](#)

[The Gender Wage Gap in the United States](#)

[What If the Problem of Poverty is That It's Profitable to Other People?](#)

[Young People Work to Survive](#)

Values at Stake

When the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) was founded in 1907, our forbearers, grounded in the economic context of their day and buoyed by the development of the Social Gospel, wrote what was to become the Methodist Social Creed. That first creed sets the values MFSA seeks for economic justice: the **rights of workers** to organize and seek arbitration; **worker protection** from workplace hazards; **abolition of child and sweatshop labor**; **meaningful work for all** and leisure for all; and a **living wage** in every industry.

Today, our Social Creed is lived out through our Social Princi-

ples, Book of Resolution, and the work of our General Boards and Agencies. To that extent, MFSA calls on General Conference to stand on the side of the poor, many of whom participate in the ministries of our congregations. **We remind General Conference of the privilege church leaders have to serve, as the cost of attending General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conferences would be extraordinary for those who live on minimum, and even a living wage.**

Whether it is through a deeper understanding of rural, suburban, or urban poverty and the policies that exacerbate it; creat-

ing opportunities for worker's to be paid a living wage and negotiate ethical practices (including within our own congregations, church agencies, and caucus groups); or taking prophetic stances around global corporations, colonialism, and economic disenfranchisement, the people called Methodists have an historic and biblical obligation to care for the economic well-being of the people and communities where we find ourselves in ministry. **“How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a sibling in need and yet refuses help? (1 John 3:17)”**

Key Legislation: SUPPORT

CA 60315 : The UMC, Food Justice, and Hunger

CA 60471 : Global Debt Crisis: A Call for Jubilee

CA 60257 : Greed

CA 60407 : Protecting Health Care, Labor, and the Environment

CA 60258 : Privatization

CA 60408 : Global Living Wage

CA 60456 : Readopt Resolution—Social Security

CA 60409 : Rights of Farm Workers

CA 60410 : Rights of Workers

CA 60473 : Globalization

CA 60445 : Faithful Lending Practices

CA 60446, 60699 : Tax Fairness

CA 60450 : Eradicating Modern Day Slavery

CA 60689 : Housing

CB 60688 : Homelessness

CB 60009 : Rural Communities in Crisis

CB 60019 : Non-Discrimination in Disability Compensation

GM 60875 : Lift US Embargo of Cuba

Key Legislation: DO NOT SUPPORT

CA 60286 : Economic Community

CA 60705 : Uplifting the Poor

CA 60287 : Global Debt Crisis

CA 60257 : Greed