

June 24th Statement of Interfaith Principles for Health Care for All*

*adapted from "A Faith Inspired Vision of Healthcare" created by Faithful Reform in Health Care

We believe together in a health care future that is grounded in the sacred bonds of our common humanity, defined by compassion, especially for those who are most vulnerable, and reflective of faithful stewardship of our abundant health care resources.

As people of faith, inspired by shared values from our sacred texts, we envision a society where each person is afforded health, wholeness, and human dignity. We will measure legislative proposals by their capacity to move us toward a health care future that is:

- **Inclusive**, offering a guarantee of health care for every person regardless of individual circumstances.
- **Accessible**, eliminating all barriers to the care which contributes to our health and wholeness as individuals and as a society.
- **Affordable**, ensuring that we use our abundant health care resources effectively, efficiently, and equitably.
- **Accountable**, calling for shared individual and institutional responsibility in a system of timely, quality and safe care that treats body, mind and spirit.

May it be so in 2009!

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**Interfaith Service of Witness and
Prayer for Health Care for All
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
Freedom Plaza, Washington, D.C.
5pm - 7pm**

Opening Song	For the Healing of the Nation For the Healing of the Nation, for the healing of all creation. Do justice-Love Mercy-Walk humbly with God!	Testimony	Dr. Janelle Goetcheus Unity Healthcare and Christ House, Washington, D.C.
Welcome from the D.C. Faith Community	Rev. Tony Lee (African Methodist Episcopal)	Prayers for Accessibility	Bishop Richard Graham (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Rabbi Michael Feinberg (Jewish-Reconstructionist)
Call to Prayer	Rev. Dr. Teresa Snorton (Christian Methodist Episcopal)	Music	Milpa Cultural Association
Opening Prayer	Mr. Narendra Desai and Mrs. Prema Desai (Hindu)	Speaker	Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed National Director, Islamic Society of North America
Speaker	Rabbi David Saperstein Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism Introduced by Rev. Diane E. Lacey (United Church of Christ)	Testimony	Ms. Jacqueline Dunn-Bell , Detroit, Mich.
Greetings from the Administration	Mr. Joshua DuBois Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Ms. Neera Tanden, JD Senior Adviser, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Reform Introductions by Rev. Cynthia Abrams (United Methodist)	Prayers for Affordability	Ms. Mary Hillebrand (Buddhist) Mr. Jim Winkler (United Methodist)
Testimony	Ms. Susan Molina , Denver, Colo.	A Witness to Congress	Mr. Robert Francis (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Rev. Dr. Teresa Snorton (Christian Methodist Episcopal) Congressman Tom Perriello, VA
Prayers for Inclusivity	Rev. Tom Hay (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) Rev. Ileana Rosario (United Methodist)	Prayer for Accountability	Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD (African Methodist Episcopal)
Liturgical Dance	Ms. Claudina Pearl Harrison “Anointed2Dance” (Christian Methodist Episcopal)	Liturgical Dance	“Selah” New Prospect Family Praise and Worship Center Washington, D.C.
Speaker	Sr. Simone Campbell Executive Director, NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Introduced by Rev. Linda Hanna Walling (Christian Church-Disciples of Christ)	Speaker	Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes Jr. , The Healing of the Nations Foundation Pastor Emeritus, The Riverside Church, New York, N.Y. Introduced by Rev. Dr. Paul Sherry (United Church of Christ)
		Closing Prayer	Statement of Principles (read in unison) Led by Rev. Linda Hanna Walling (Christian Church-Disciples of Christ)
		Closing Call to Action	Rev. Dr. Timothy McDonald (Baptist) Introduced by Rev. Dr. Dennis Jacobsen (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

NATIONAL and REGIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

Interfaith Week of Prayer for Health Care for All

African Methodist Episcopal Church
 American Association of Pastoral Counselors
 American Muslim Health Professionals
 Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
 Association of Professional Chaplains
 B'nai B'rith International
 Buddhist Peace Fellowship
 Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good
 Catholics United
 California Council of Churches/California Church Impact
 Center for Community Change
 Center for Immigrant Healthcare Justice
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 Coalition on Ministry in Specialized Settings (COMISS Network)
 College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy
 Disciples Justice Action Network (Disciples of Christ)
 The Episcopal Church of America
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Faithful Reform in Health Care

The Gamaliel Foundation
 The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church
 The General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division, United Methodist Church
 The Greater NY Labor-Religion Coalition
 The Healing of the Nations Foundation
 HealthCare Chaplaincy
 Healthcare Equality Project
 The Hindu Temple Society of North America
 Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, California
 Interfaith Worker Justice
 Islamic Medical Association of North America
 Islamic Society of North America
 Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
 National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
 National Association of Jewish Chaplains
 National Baptist Convention, Home Mission Board
 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

National Council of Jewish Women
 NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
 The Network of Spiritual Progressives
 PICO National Network
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office
 Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
 RESULTS Faith in Action Project
 School of the Americas Watch
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 The Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 Tikkun Magazine
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 Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Florida
 United Church of Christ
 United Jewish Communities of MetroWest New Jersey
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