

LAUMC Bold Mission & Service (2011/2012):
Social Justice Ministry Resources
 Serve For Long-Term Solutions: Study & Advocate

Ongoing "Actions"—no set date	Prayer & Studies
<p>Updated 11/15/11--Please check back frequently for new and updated resources.</p> <p>Please send an email to SJM@laumc.org to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> let us know about social justice-related events add your name to the SJM E-list, to subscribe to the NEW Social Justice Ministry Newsfeed <p>NEXT Social Justice Ministry Team Meeting Monday, December 7, 7:00pm Location: Library. All are invited. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please email sjm@laumc.org. We meet on 1st Mondays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Click above for easy way to email newspapers on the issues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easy way to write your legislators-- click on link to find them by zip code:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://capwiz.com/cachurches/home/</p>	<p>Classes in progress: JustFAITH (Journey into Compassion...) class: Main focus is small-group discussion and relationship, but includes readings, videos, speakers, "border crossings," and one-day retreats. Facilitated by Pastor Debbie. 30 weeks: starts Sunday, 10/2/11 6:30-8:30pm, Redwood Room</p> <p>Engaging Spirituality class: Spiritually deepening process for adult Christians who are seeking to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to bear upon the needs of our world. Facilitated by Patricia Parfett & JustFaith Grads. 23 weeks: starts Sunday, 10/2/11 6:30-8:30pm, Library</p> <p>JustFAITH Ministries information and videos JustFAITH Written Statements (PDF) (from several LAUMC JustFAITH grads from 2009-2011) June 5, 2011 JustFAITH Sunday sermon: "Mobilizing Hope: Faces of Justice" by Pastor Debbie Weatherspoon Read Watch Video</p>
<p>Call Congress and Protect Foreign Assistance for Hungry People Ongoing Location: nationwide Bread Blog > Call Congress Today and Protect Foreign Assistance for Hungry People from Bread for the World</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>No Child of God is Illegal</p>	<p>Pray!—include issues of social and economic justice in your daily prayers. Some resources:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Verse and Voice (daily scripture and compelling quotes) from Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace</p>

Ongoing Location: nationwide

The United Methodist Church's [General Commission on Religion and Race](#) (GCORR) is urging United Methodists to join



the national [Drop the I-Word: Take the Pledge](#) to eliminate the use of the word "illegal" as part of the conversation on immigration reform. The campaign aims to help

communities understand and respond to the damaging and racist impact the term "illegal" has on our communities. GCORR's goal is to have 10,000 United Methodists take the pledge by Dec. 6, 2011. Have you taken the Pledge?

More United Methodist Church Actions:

[Action Center](#) of the [General Board of Church and Society](#) which challenges United Methodists to work in areas of important social concern.

[Action Alerts](#) from the [United Methodist Women's Organization \(National\)](#) on issues of women's health and equality, domestic violence, human trafficking.

More calls to action from other organizations:

ACTION ALERTS from [California Council of Churches](#)

[Active Alerts](#) from [Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace](#)

[RCRC ACTION CENTER](#) from [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice](#)

[What You Can Do](#) to help end the genocide in Sudan

[Social Justice Prayers](#) (monthly) from MFSA (Methodist Federation for Social Action) <http://mfsaweb.org/>

Study—*Focus on Food Justice*

Exercise your purchase power!
Request and buy **Fair Trade** products—
look for this logo:



Look for this Label!

DEFINITION: "Fair Trade Certified™ products directly support a better life for farmers and farm workers in the developing world through fair prices, community development and environmental stewardship.

(from www.fairtradeusa.org)

Stores that sell Fair Trade products include: Target, Costco, Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Walmart, Safeway, Nob Hill and many others. Many more available online. See section below.

[Bread for the World](#) is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live. — [Facebook](#) | [Broadcast \(podcast\)](#)

[Join Just Food Silicon Valley](#) to bring food justice for all people involved in the production, selling and consumption of food in Santa Clara County. Just Food Silicon Valley is coordinated by [Working Partnerships USA](#) and the [Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice](#).

United Methodist related:

Websites:



General Board of **CHURCH & SOCIETY** of The United Methodist Church

[General Board of Church and Society](#)

Purpose - **To bring the whole of human life, activities, possessions, use of resources, and community and world relationships into conformity with the will of God.** Challenges United Methodists to work in areas of important social concern and develops resources to inform, motivate, and train United Methodists on issues of social justice in the society. [These 2011 priorities](#) support the 4 Areas of Focus of the United Methodist Church.

www.ImagineNoMalaria.org -- a ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. Goal of raising \$75 million to improve health infrastructure and empower a sustainable victory over the disease.

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)--a program of UMCOR

[UMCOR / Our Work / Immigration and Refugees / Justice for Our Neighbors](#)

This program initially was a response to the immigration reform act of 1996. Later it also focused on the stricter laws passed in the aftermath of 9/11. JFON continues the long legacy of UMCOR's implementation of the United Methodist Church's resettlement assistance to refugees. The free clinic network extends the support and welcome of the church to marginalized immigrants living in the shadows among us. Subscribe to their monthly newsletter--
[First Monday Newsletter](#) [The Church and Immigration](#)



GCORR [General Commission on Religion and Race](#)

Focused on bringing about full and equal participation of the racial and ethnic constituencies in The United Methodist Church. The commission carries out its work through advocacy of the issues and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the denomination.

UMW: [United Methodist Women's Organization \(National\)](#) and [UMW on Facebook](#)

[CA-NV Conference UMW](#) (United Methodist Women--CA/Nevada Conference)

[United Methodist Women - San Jose District](#)

Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) <http://mfsaweb.org/>

Mobilizes clergy and laity within the UMC to take action on issues of peace, poverty and people's rights within the church, the nation and the world. MFSA operates independently of UMC.

Links to Newsletters/ Reports/Articles/Books:

Social Justice E-News (periodic newsletter and emails from Social Justice Ministry Team)
Please email SJM@laumc.org and request SJME-List.

Faith in Action (weekly newsletter from UMC's [General Board of Church & Society](#))

November 10, 2011



[United Methodist Church has a problem](#)

[DREAM Sabbaths in 45 states](#)

[Super prayer vigil on budget](#)

[Bridging faith and foreign policy](#)

[U.S. Congo policy](#)

[San Francisco wage theft ordinance](#)

[On the defeat of Mississippi's 'personhood' initiative](#)

"Faith and Facts Cards" -- from UMC's [General Board of Church & Society](#)

[Budget](#) [Clean Water](#) [Criminal Justice](#) [Darfur](#) [Global Warming](#) [Health Care](#)
[Immigration](#) [Living Wage](#) [Sustainability](#)

Response: The Magazine of Women in Mission --from [United Methodist Women's Organization \(National\)](#)

From MFSA (Methodist Federation for Social Action) <http://mfsaweb.org/>

Social Justice Prayers (monthly prayers-- subscribe by sending email to mfsa@mfsaweb.org)

Bi-weekly newsletter:

27 October 2011: New Beginnings

[Seasons of Change](#)

[Occupy Wall Street and Beyond](#)

[Coalition Update](#)

[Progressive Ponderings: Mississippi's Personhood Amendment](#)

Faith-based organizations (Christian and inter-faith):

Websites:

California Council of Churches (CCC)

(<http://www.calchurches.org/2-2.html>) develops resources and programs and publishes study guides on issues of social and economic justice, compassion, and peace.

- **California Church IMPACT**, incorporated as a separate non-profit in 1996, is the advocating arm of CCC and advocates for social justice on behalf of member congregations and denominations. Sign up for their [Action E-List](#) to get an alert when your involvement can make a critical difference.

JustFaith Ministries: JustFaith changes people...Those people change the world.

(<http://www.justfaith.org>) [JustFaith on Facebook!](#) [View our page](#)

[Hunger Action Advocacy](#) (Hunger advocacy page, from the Presbytery of San Jose)

[Bread for the World](#) --Have Faith. End Hunger [on Facebook: Bread for the World](#)

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

[PICO National Network](#) (People Improving Communities Through Organizing)

PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working to create innovative solutions to problems facing urban, suburban and rural communities. Community organizing is a systematic approach to addressing the root causes of social problems. [Community Voice · PICO National Network Blog](#)

[Peninsula Interfaith Action](#) (PIA--our local chapter of PICO)

Working Partnerships USA

<http://www.wpusa.org>

(builds partnerships with community groups, labor unions and faith-based organizations to improve the lives of working families in Silicon Valley)

[Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice](#) --a program of Working Partnerships USA

(an association of more than 400 clergy and laity who address the crisis of working poverty and provide a moral framework for public dialogue on issues of social justice)

Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace: Our mission is to articulate the biblical call to social justice, inspiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world.

Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CCIR)—a program of Sojourners

www.faihandimmigration.org [on Facebook: Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#)

[\(CCIR\)](#) As Christians who are called to love and welcome the stranger in our midst, we call for President Obama and Congress to introduce comprehensive immigration reform legislation this year.

A powerful personal account of living as an undocumented immigrant, fighting against the odds and the

reality of being an outsider. (Jose is a Pulitzer Prize-winning graduate of Mountain View High School. He spoke at LAUMC as part of a Witness of Faith for [Partners for New Generations](#) a few years ago.)



[My Life As an Undocumented Immigrant](#)

www.nytimes.com A reporter talks about his illegal American dream.

Step Up Silicon Valley—Campaign to Cut Poverty www.stepupsv.com

Endorse the Campaign



Step Up Silicon Valley is leading a coalition of community-based organizations, interfaith allies, government representatives, and business leaders to cut poverty in half in Santa Clara County by 2020.

EHC LifeBuilders-- Passionately committed to ending homelessness

<http://www.ehclifebuilders.org/> and [EHC LifeBuilders on Facebook](#)

[Life Building Stories](#)

Read about some of the people whose lives we've transformed.

[Our Programs](#)

Check out our programs for adults, families, and youth.

[About Homelessness](#)

Learn more about this pervasive problem and how it impacts our community.

Oikocredit USA

(www.oikocreditusa.org) one of the oldest and largest microcredit investment organizations in the world, founded by the World Council of Churches over 30 years ago.

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice: Pro-Faith, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice www.rcrc.org

National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)—Torture is a moral issue

www.tortureisamoralissue.org

Since its formation on January 16, 2006, more than 300 religious organizations have joined and over 57,000 individual people of faith have participated in our activities. Members include representatives from the Baha'i, Buddhist, Catholic, evangelical Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox Christian, mainline Protestant, Quaker, Sikh and Unitarian Universalist communities. Members include national denominations and faith groups, regional organizations and congregations.

[Click here for a complete list of NRCAT members](#)

[Join us in saying "Torture is a Moral Issue"](#)

[June is Torture Awareness Month](#), the month when religious and human rights organizations work to highlight the issue of torture.

[Declaration of Principles for a Presidential Executive Order on Prisoner Treatment, Torture, and Cruelty.](#)

[Save Darfur Coalition](#) --[Darfur Primer](#)

Links to Newsletters/ Blogs/Articles/Podcasts:

From **California Council of Churches (CCC)** (<http://www.calchurches.org/2-2.html>)

For more on their positions go to:

[Budget Issues Even Kindergarteners Understand](#)

[New Study Guide! A Free and Energetic Government Faithful Reform in California Governance](#)

From Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace <http://www.sojo.net/> :

[Verse and Voice](#) (daily scripture and compelling quotes)

From JustFaith Ministries: JustFaith changes people...Those people change the world

(<http://www.justfaith.org>) [JustFaith on Facebook!](#) [View our page](#)

JustFaith Voices Newsletter: [Spring 2011 Word and Witness](#)

by Johnny Zokovitch, Program Director, Pax Christi USA

From [PICO National Network](#) (People Improving Communities Through Organizing)

[Community Voice · PICO National Network Blog](#)

From **Working Partnerships USA:** (<http://www.wpusa.org>)

[Life in the Valley Economy 2010](#) (LIVE report)

[What Faith Groups Say About the Right to Organize](#)

[Pan-Methodist Resource for Worker Justice](#)

From [Bread for the World](#)--Have Faith. End Hunger [on Facebook: Bread for the World](#)

Check out their [Broadcast](#) (podcast)

November 2011: Bread's 2012 Hunger Report

U.S. food and farm policies are in need of revamping. So this month we talk with Todd Post, editor of Bread for the World Institute's 2012 Hunger Report, about why people should care about these policies, the importance of nutrition programs, and the generosity of one particular farmer he met. The Hunger Report will be released on November 21, 2011 on www.hungerreport.org.

[Download Bread's 2012 Hunger Report](#) »


Check out their [Bread Blog](#)

[The Food for All Summit: One Day to Nourish the World](#)

Check out their [Bread Newsletter](#) (published 8 times a year)

[October-November 2011 Newsletter](#)

It's up to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (or Super Committee) —a group of 12 members, three from each party in each house —to create a proposal that will cut trillions from the deficit. We want them to protect funding for programs for hungry and poor people.

- [What's at Stake with the Super Committee? Everything.](#)
- [On Faith: The 'Two Feet' of Ministry](#)
- [Bread Slices](#)
- [Background Paper - Bread for the World Leadership Circles](#) 
- [Policy Focus: 2012 Offering to Keep Pressure on Congress](#)
- [Member Profile: Leota Ester Advocates for Basic Needs](#)
- [From the Field: Bread Teams Send a Message to Congress](#)
- [Act Now!](#)

[The Faces of Hunger](#) (section of website covering global, U.S., causes, solutions)

[Good Books on Hunger and Poverty](#) (reading list)

[Exodus From Hunger](#), new book by David Beckmann, Bread for the World's president.

From Step Up SiliconValley —Campaign to Cut Poverty in Half by 2020 (<http://stepupsv.com>):

[First Steps to Cutting Poverty in Half by 2020 Report \(pdf\)](#)

[The 2009 Silicon Valley Index](#)

Secular organizations:

Websites:

National Resource Defense Council—The Earth's Best Defense

<http://www.nrdc.org/>

Fair Trade USA

www.fairtradeusa.org

[Fair Trade Certified on Facebook](#)

[Fair Trade Towns](#) (dynamic online

community) A 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, Fair Trade USA is the leading third-party certifier of Fair Trade products in the United States. We enable you, the consumer, to make a difference with your dollar.

DEFINITION: "Fair Trade Certified™ products directly support a better life for farmers and farm workers in the developing world through fair prices, community development and environmental stewardship.

Through Fair Trade, small farmer organizations market their own harvests through direct, long term contracts with international buyers, learn how to manage their businesses and compete in the global marketplace. Small farmers and farm workers benefit from premiums that allow them to invest in building their communities and bettering their lives."

Fair Trade products include: Coffee, Cocoa, Tea, Sugar, Rice, Fruit, Flowers, Olive Oil, Wine, Body Care, Apparel & more!

Read more about the impact of Fair Trade products in our impact reports. [Download them here.](#)

Fair Trade Resource Network

www.fairtraderesource.org

The Fair Trade Resource Network is an information hub for education and discussion of Fair Trade, with the goal of raising consumer awareness and helping grow the Fair Trade movement in the U.S



Top 10 reasons to buy fair trade products-- <http://www.fairtraderesource.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/top-10-reasons.pdf>

Fair trade FAQ-- <http://www.fairtraderesource.org/learn-up/faq/>

World Fair Trade Organization

<http://www.wfto.com>

The World Fair Trade Organization is a global network of member organizations that demonstrate a 100% commitment to Fair Trade.

Global Exchange

www.globalexchange.org, headquartered in San Francisco, is a membership-based international human rights organization dedicated to promoting social, economic, and environmental justice around the world. Global Exchange's Fair Trade Campaign empowers children and adults to become involved in the Fair Trade movement through fun, creative actions.

International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF)

www.laborrights.org [ILRF Blog](#)

ILRF is an advocacy organization dedicated to achieving just and humane treatment for workers worldwide.

[Rights for Working Women](#)

[Freedom at Work](#)

[Creating a Sweatfree World](#)

[Stop Child & Forced Labor](#)

[Raise The Bar: Take Action!](#) (It's time for Hershey to be a leader in responsible chocolate and shift toward Fair Trade Certified cocoa)
