

Raising Our Voices of Faith for Health Care

As people of faith, we believe that it is a moral imperative to transform health care so that it is: inclusive, accessible, affordable, and accountable.

■ Vision: Inclusive

Health care is a basic human right and human need which includes every person.

We believe all human beings are created equal by God, with a divine will that we live together as an inclusive community. Therefore, we are called to treat one another with dignity and compassion, with particular concern for those who are most vulnerable. This mandates acting on our concern for the well-being of every person, including the provision of needed health care for the sake of the common good.

■ Vision: Accessible

All persons should have access to health services that provide necessary care and contribute to wellness.

We believe humanity is sacred and that all persons should benefit from those actions which contribute to the health and wholeness willed by our Creator. Therefore, we are called to act with justice and love, to ensure that all of us have access to the health care we need in order to live out the fullness of our potential both as individuals and as contributing members of our society. We must work together to identify and overcome all barriers to and disparities in such care.

■ Vision: Affordable

Health care must contribute to the common good by being affordable for individuals, families and society as a whole.

We believe that in the sacred act of creation, God endowed us with the talents, wisdom and abundant resources necessary to meet the health care needs of all. Therefore, in our calling to be faithful stewards, we understand our responsibility to use our health care resources effectively, to administer them efficiently, and to distribute them with equity.

■ Vision: Accountable

Our health care system must be accountable, offering a quality, equitable and sustainable means of keeping us healthy as individuals and as a community.

We believe that as spiritual and sacred vessels of God's creation, we are responsible for the care of our bodies to the best of our ability and for the care of one another regardless of individual circumstances. Therefore, individuals, families, governments, businesses, and the faith community are called to work in partnership for a system that ensures fully-informed, timely, quality and safe care that treats body, mind and spirit.