

A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care

AS PEOPLE OF FAITH,
WE ENVISION A SOCIETY WHERE EACH PERSON IS AFFORDED
HEALTH, WHOLENESS, AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

THAT VISION EMBRACES A SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE THAT IS
INCLUSIVE... ACCESSIBLE... AFFORDABLE... AND ACCOUNTABLE.

► **Vision ~ Inclusive:** Health care is a shared responsibility that is grounded in our common humanity. In the bonds of our human family, we are created to be equal. We are guided by a divine will to treat each person with dignity and to live together as an inclusive community. Affirming our commitment to the common good, we acknowledge our enduring responsibility to care for one another. As we recognize that society is whole only when we care for the most vulnerable among us, we are led to discern the human right to health care and wholeness. Therefore, we are called to act with compassion by sharing our abundant health care resources with everyone.

► **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 we are endowed with the talents, wisdom and abundant resources necessary to meet the needs of one another, including 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 ~ 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 our health and wholeness. 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 ~ 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, 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.

"A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care"
was developed by the members of Faithful Reform in Health Care.
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A SACRED COMMITMENT TO

A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care

I/we commit to raising “A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care” and to working for a health care future that includes everyone and works well for all of us.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

_____ [] INDIVIDUAL [] ORGANIZATION
 NAME (as it should appear in print)

_____ SIGNATURE
 CONTACT PERSON (if organization)

_____ CITY ST ZIP
 ADDRESS

_____ TELEPHONE
 EMAIL

_____ FAITH AFFILIATION
 WEBSITE

I/we commit to the following actions to raise this vision:

Individual:

- Talk with the leadership in my community of faith about working on this issue
- Encourage my community of faith to observe a Health Care Sabbath
- Take responsibility for leading a study or dialogue series in my community of faith
- Make at least 3 contacts with my elected officials via phone, letter or personal visit
- Recruit at least 10 other persons to sign this Vision
- Join a local health care advocacy group
- Collect stories about how my family and friends experience health care
- Volunteer in a local program that provides health care services for the uninsured
- Sign-up for an email listserv to become better informed about this issue
- Other: _____

Community of faith:

- Observe a Health Care Sabbath in our community of faith
- Schedule a study or dialogue series
- Launch a letter-writing email effort to urge elected officials to sign this Vision
- Organize visits to elected officials to discuss this issue
- Launch a project to generate calls to local Talk Radio
- Invite a representative from a health care justice group to make a presentation
- Collect stories about how members of our faith community experience health care
- Recruit 5 other communities of faith to commit to this Vision
- Sponsor a forum in which elected leaders hear from the people they represent
- Other: _____

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