

POLITICAL COMMUNITY

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES 2020

Worship & Liturgy

Hymns: UMH 428 For the Healing of the Nations

Scripture: Leviticus 19:2-18
Philippians 4:8



Sermon Starters:

All people are made in the image of God and possess inherent dignity and worth. We are called to love our neighbors, including immigrants, refugees, children, elderly, widows and orphans.

We are called by God to witness to the love of God for all. This command calls us to stand up for the rights of all people.

God yearns for peace and justice for all people.

Spend time in prayer and confession for current and historic acts of injustice against marginalized communities including indigenous peoples, enslaved African peoples, and other marginalized groups.

Teaching

Rights and Responsibilities:

In a small group, have participants select a role: individual, church, community, and government. From each perspective, name the rights and responsibilities of each entity. Role play how the Political Community calls the church, community, individual, and government to contribute to peace and justice.



Migrants and Refugees:

Watch the video [A Day Without a Migrant](#). Discuss how migrants have contributed to the well-being of communities. Reflect on the question, “What would a day look like without migrants?”

Good Governance:

The Political Community understands that all governments fall under God’s judgement. Hold a conversation with a small group about government: what does good governance look like in your community?

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Advocacy

- **Criminal Justice:** John Wesley regularly preached at jails, and advocated for better conditions for prisoners. Consider how your community might visit people in prison, welcome formerly incarcerated persons back into the community including employment opportunities, and advocate for fair and proportional sentencing.
- **Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees:** Advocate for just and humane immigration policies in your community. How can your congregation welcome migrants, refugees, and immigrants?
- **Women and Girls:** Organize forums, inviting outside speakers, to talk about women's leadership in the community.
- **Gender Based Violence:** Build relationships with organizations in your community that protect women and girls from gender-based violence.



Your Response

Share the good news for the **TRANSFORMATION** of the world...

Write to your decision makers about the importance of upholding the equal rights for women and girls.

Give to the UMC Global AIDS Fund, Advance Special #982345.

Volunteer with your local chapter of Justice for our Neighbors (JFON) or [Church World Service](#) to support refugee resettlement and protection of migrants.

Pledge to vote, and share with your friends and family about the importance of voting.



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