

ADDITIONAL LIVING WAGE EDUCATION RESOURCES

PC(USA) POLICY:

• From the 1968 Statement of the UPCUSA:

“The church of today must accept the fact that it has great power in its hands, especially economic power. Therefore, in its corporate use of power it must set an example.”

• From the 189th General Assembly (1977):

“Reaffirms the actions of previous General Assemblies supporting the right of every employable person to a job, decent and safe working conditions and a salary adequate to meet at least his or her basic needs.”

• 1980 Statement – PCUS

Labor Relations: Theological Affirmations from Biblical Perspectives

“The clear responsibility of Christian persons to try to act out the redemptive love of Jesus in the world—a compelling claim of the gospel—must apply to labor-management relations as to any other social or personal relationship.”

Presbyterian Resources for Worker Justice

Download at <http://www.nicwj.org/pages/materials.Presbyterian.html> or order: contact Bridget Harris Olusesi at bridget@nicwj.org or by phone: (773) 728-8400 at the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice; \$1 per copy.

Living Wage Issues Guide – from Economic Policy Institute (Download from http://www.epinet.org/Issueguides/livingwage/LivingWage_IssueGuide.pdf)

State by state calculations:

<http://www.natprior.org/grassrootsfactbook/jobgrowth/pdf/ky.pdf>

Calculate a Budget for Your Community

The Economic Policy Institute’s budget calculator provides custom budgets for different family types in 400 communities in the U.S. To use the calculator, visit <http://www.epinet.org>.

Living Wage Web Resources

ACORN, New Party, and the AFL-CIO and its affiliates, have made “living wage” campaigns a centerpiece of their programs, and chapters throughout the country are part of the growing movement to require businesses to pay their employees a decent wage.

ACORN Living Wage Campaign

Updated information by the organization leading the movement for living wages.

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

New Party Living Wage Campaign Page <http://www.newparty.org/livwag> **Comprehensive Living Wage Issue Guide by the Economic Policy Institute**

<http://www.epinet.org/Issueguides/livingwage/livingwage.html>

Living Wage Resources from the Economic Policy Institute

<http://www.epinet.org/Issueguides/livingwage/livingwagefacts.html>

Austin Living Wage Coalition <http://www.main.org/alwc/>

Marin County Living Wage Pages <http://www.jps.net/personality/wage/wage.html>

Living Wage Campaign at Harvard University <http://record.law.harvard.edu/%7Emirarchi/living-wage/>

U.S. Department of Labor Minimum Wage Page <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/public/minwage/main.htm>

Working Hard, Earning Less: the Story of Job Growth in America

<http://www.igc.org/jwj/OrgTools/StateReportPage.htm>

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Extensive resources on living wage campaigns. <http://www.afscme.org/livingwage/povwage.htm>

The Universal Living Wage <http://www.universallivingwage.org/>

Selected Biblical Passages on Justice for Workers <http://www.aflcio.org/pulpits/pg21.pdf>

Selected Passages on Worker Justice

From the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 1: 26–28, 2:15, God the Creator.

Genesis 2:1–2, God rested on the seventh day.

Exodus 3:7–8, God heard the cry of the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 15:11, Open your hand to the poor and needy.

Deuteronomy 24:14–15, Don't withhold wages of poor and needy laborers, including those of "aliens."

Isaiah 30:18, God of justice.

Isaiah 32:17, Justice will bring peace.

Isaiah 58:6–8, The fast God chooses is to loosen the bonds of wickedness.

Jeremiah 21:11–12, Execute justice.

Jeremiah 22:13, Woe to him who makes neighbors work for nothing and does not give them their wages.

Jeremiah 34:8–14, Treat the alien well like God had treated the Israelites.

Amos 5:22–24, Let justice flow like a stream.

Amos 8:4–7, Woe to those who trample the needy...buying the poor for silver.

Micah 6:8, God requires us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

Psalms 72, God will judge people with righteousness.

Proverbs 21:13, Don't close your ears to the cry of the poor.

Ecclesiastes 4:1, God sees the oppressions that are practiced.

From the New Testament

Matthew 6:24, You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 22:39, Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 25:31–36, The Kingdom is for those who feed the hungry, welcome strangers.

Luke 4:18–19, Anointed to preach good news to the poor.

Luke 10:27, Love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 16:19–31, Rich man who doesn't see the poor at his gate.

John 3:16–18, Love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Romans 12:21, Overcome evil with good.

I Corinthians 3:6–9, Each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

I Corinthians 12:26, If one member suffers, all suffer.

Philippians 2:4, Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

I Timothy 6:18–19, Rich people are to be generous and ready to share.

II Timothy 1:7, God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love.

II Timothy 2:6, The farmer that labors must receive the first rewards.

James 5:4, The wages of laborers kept back by fraud cry out.

Selected Biblical Passages on Justice for Workers (formatted version)

<http://www.aflcio.org/pulpits/pg21.pdf>