

World Methodist Social Affirmations

THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

in the upholding of human dignity and community;

in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;

through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;

through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;

through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ; to take up the cross;

to seek abundant life for all humanity;

to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,

praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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