

RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

A MORAL BUDGET FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

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FAITH—COMMUNITIES CALL FOR A MORAL STATE BUDGET

A budget is a moral document, reflecting the values and priorities of a family, a community, a society, and requires:

- † REASON
- † COMPASSION
- † FAIRNESS
- † RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT
- † STEWARDSHIP

All Religions proclaim our responsibility to care for those among us most in need. Religions highlighted this week:

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Working for a just society is central to our Unitarian Universalist faith. An economically just society is one in which 1) government and private institutions promote the common economic good and are held accountable; 2) all people have equal opportunity to care for themselves and their families; and 3) individuals take responsibility for the effects on their own and others' lives. Conversely, racism encourages people to perpetuate a system of privileges and economic rewards that opens the door of opportunity much wider for some than for others. This should not be tolerated.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

I deeply believe that if we as evangelicals remain silent and do not speak up in defense of the poor, we lose our credibility and our right to witness about God's love for the world. —Rick Warren, Sr. Pastor, Saddleback Church

Contact your government representatives and ask for a moral budget that protects the most vulnerable among us.

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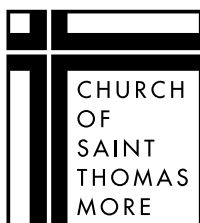


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People of Faith Throughout California Urge Elected Officials to Pass a Moral Budget

Currently, our elected officials are meeting in Sacramento to debate the details of the budget. While clergy and people of faith throughout California recognize the need to manage the budget crisis, they are urging elected officials not to balance the budget on the backs of the state's most vulnerable people. Instead, the faith community believes that a budget is a moral document that reflects the values and priorities of a society, and we call on our legislature to remember the following values when as they make difficult decisions: *reason, compassion, fairness, responsible investment, and stewardship.*



To learn more about a Moral Budget, please join us on the Plaza following the Masses this weekend, August 9-10. This forum is sponsored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County.

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