

- **Christians have a biblical mandate to welcome strangers -**
We look for political leaders who will pursue fair immigration policies and speak out against xenophobia.

Exodus 22:21

Matthew 25:34-36

Romans 13:10

Leviticus 19:33-34

Romans 15:7

Galatians 6:10

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Hebrews 13:1-2

1 Peter 4:9

- **The earth belongs to God and is intrinsically good -** We look for political leaders who recognize the earth's goodness, champion environmental justice, and uphold our responsibility to be stewards of God's creation.

Genesis 1:1-31

Genesis 2:15

Romans 8:19-21

Numbers 35:33-34

Nehemiah 9:6

Colossians 1:15-17

Psalms 145:9

Isaiah 35:1-2

1 Timothy 4:4

- **Providing enriched learning environments for all of God's children is a moral imperative -** We look for political leaders who will advocate for equal educational opportunity and abundant funding for children's services.

Deuteronomy 4:10

Matthew 18:5-6

Matthew 19:13-14

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Mark 9:37

Luke 1:50

Psalms 78:2-4

Luke 6:38

Luke 18:15-17

Proverb 13:22

1 Timothy 4:10-11

2 Timothy 2:2

Proverb 28:7

2 Timothy 3:14-15

1 John 3:17

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The principles and comments listed below are from the National Council of Churches of which Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Baptist, Catholic and others are listed as members. These principles appeared in *The Source* (monthly newspaper of the Church Council of Greater Seattle in 2008). [Scripture references added in 2024]

- **Those who follow Christ are called to heal the sick** - We look for political leaders who will support adequate, affordable and accessible health care for all.

1 Kings 17:17-23	Matthew 10:8	Matthew 25:31-46
	Luke 4:38-44	Acts 3:1-8
	Acts 4:30	Acts 9:32-41
	Acts 19:11-12	James 5:14-16

- **War is contrary to the will of God** - While the use of violent force may, at times, be a necessity of last resort, Christ pronounces his blessing on the peacemakers. We look for political leaders who will make peace with justice a top priority and who will actively seek nonviolent solutions to conflict.

Psalm 46:9-11	Matthew 5:9	Matthew 26:52
1 Samuel 8:9-12	Ephesians 6:12	1 Thessalonians 5:23
	Hebrews 12:14	James 4:1-2

- **Each human being is created in the image of God and is of infinite worth** - We look for political leaders who actively promote racial justice and equal opportunity for everyone.

Genesis 1:27	Acts 8:26-39	Acts 11:4-18
2 Samuel 8:15	Romans 2:11	Galatians 3:28
Psalm 67:4	Ephesians 4:24	Ephesians 5:21
	Colossians 3:10-11	

- **God calls us to live in communities shaped by peace and cooperation** - We reject policies that abandon large segments of our inner city and rural populations to hopelessness. We look for political leaders who will rebuild our communities and bring an end to the cycles of violence and killing.

Psalm 29:11	Matthew 7:12	Matthew 20:25-28	Romans 1:11-12
Psalm 34:12-14	2 Corinthians 13:11	Galatians 6:1-2	Ephesians 4:1-4
Proverb 22:8-9	Philippians 2:2-4	Colossians 1:16-17	James 3:18

- **God created us for each other - Our security depends on the well being of our global neighbors** - We look for leader for whom a foreign policy based on cooperation and global justice an urgent concern.

Psalm 68:30	Proverb 16:7	Luke 3:14	John 14:27
Proverb 20:18	Proverb 24:6	Philippians 4:15-16	1 Timothy 2:1-2
		Jude 1:17-21	

- **All humans are called to be in right relationship with each other** - We look for political leaders who seek a restorative, not retributive, approach to the criminal justice system and the individuals within it.

Leviticus 19:15	Deuteronomy 24:17	Luke 6:36-37	Acts 7:59-60
Isaiah 1:17	Jerimiah 29:11	Acts 16:20-40	Romans 12:19
Micah 6:8	Zechariah 7:9-10	Galatians 6:1-2	Hebrews 13:3
			1 Peter 3:8-17

- **God calls us to be advocates for those who are most vulnerable in our society** - We look for leaders who yearn for economic justice and who will seek to reduce the growing disparity between rich and poor.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19		Luke 4:18-19	Acts 20:35
Psalm 23	Psalm 37:23-26	Romans 12:16	Galatians 6:2, 10
Psalm 72:4	Psalm 82:3-4	1 Timothy 6:17-18	James 2:1-9, 16
Proverb 16:8-12	Proverb 20:10 1	Peter 5:2-31	John 3:17
Proverb 22:1-2, 9	Jeremiah 23:1-2		