



Language and Messaging Some moral values behind key health care issues. Religious Vision of Health Care

Heath Care Issue	MORAL VALUES THAT INFORM THIS ISSUE
Inclusive	Compassion, Human Dignity, Equality, Common Good, Children of God/Allah/Yaweh, Love, Hope, Justice, Equity, Personal and Community Responsibility, Beloved Community
Accessible	Equity, Common Good, Justice, Human Dignity, Love, Compassion, Equality, Communion
Affordable	Stewardship, Compassion, Altruism, Personal and Community Responsibility, Sharing, Options for the Poor, “Tsedahah/Sedakah. Obligation to Give, Open Handed for those in Need, Loaves and Fishes.
Accountable	Altruism, Stewardship, Fairness, Equality, Community Responsibility, Equity, Obligation to those who are Served.
Societally Useful	Common Good, Personal and Communal Responsibility, Human Rights, Human Dignity, Moral Imperative, Stewardship
Sustainable	Stewardship, Love, Equity, Hope, Sharing
Quality Care	Human Right, Fairness, Stewardship, Interdependence of all, Justice, Accountability to those who are Served.

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As members of faith communities, we believe that it is a moral imperative to transform health care so that it is:

Inclusive, Accessible, Affordable, and Accountable

VISION: INCLUSIVE

All human beings are created in God's image. Therefore, we are commanded to treat each person with justice and equity.

VISION: ACCESSIBLE

Everyone has the opportunity to share in society's bounty.

Because of the sacredness of all humanity, the principles of justice, love and compassion compel us to ensure that everyone has access to health care to live out the fullness of his and her higher potential. As health care is accessible to all, we are equally accountable to one another to be faithful stewards of the common good.

VISION: AFFORDABLE

We must provide access to quality health care to very person at a cost affordable to them and to our society as a whole. In that, we need to recognize that resources are abundant and that we are called to be faithful and accountable stewards of God's creation.

VISION: ACCOUNTABLE

Our health care system must be accountable to the whole of society, offering a quality and sustainable means of keep all of our Beloved Community healthy.

- Stewardship: As faith communities, we are called to take care of all creation with love and compassion
- Social Good/Common Good: We are called to be concerned with the wholeness and well-being of all individuals with respect to their differences as well as as part of our Beloved Community
- Personal and Community Responsibility: We are accountable to one another for the quality of care that treats mind body, and spirit to realize all human potential.