

# Compassion, Mercy, and Justice Resources

## Anti-Racism

Full participation by people of all races. We embrace our diversity by having zero tolerance for racism, making racial justice and reconciliation a top national priority, and acknowledging the inseparable connection between racism and poverty. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in anti-racism efforts:

- Anti-Defamation League [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)
- Center for Democratic Renewal [www.thecdr.org](http://www.thecdr.org) (404) 221-0025
- Damascus Road (Mennonite Central Committee) [www.mcc.org/damascusroad](http://www.mcc.org/damascusroad) (717) 859-3889
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) (410) 521-4939
- National Conference for Community and Justice [www.nccj.org](http://www.nccj.org) (212) 545-1300
- National Council of Churches Racial Justice Working Group [www.ncccusa.org/nmu/rjp.html](http://www.ncccusa.org/nmu/rjp.html) (212) 870-2387
- Poverty and Race Research Action Council [www.prrac.org](http://www.prrac.org) (202) 387-9887
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference [www.sclcnational.org](http://www.sclcnational.org) (404) 522-1420

## Living Family Income

A living family income for all who responsibly work. This should include an appropriate mix of a minimum wage/living income, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and targeted help with childcare, food, transportation and housing. Our principle is that people who work full-time should not be poor. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in fair wages:

- Living Wage Campaign (ACORN) [www.livingwagecampaign.org](http://www.livingwagecampaign.org) (202) 547-2500
- National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support [www.nationalcampaign.org](http://www.nationalcampaign.org) (202) 339-9346
- National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice [www.nicwj.org](http://www.nicwj.org) (773) 728-8400
- Students Against Sweatshops [www.usasnet.org](http://www.usasnet.org) (202) 667-9328
- United for a Fair Economy [www.ufenet.org](http://www.ufenet.org) (617) 423-2148

## Food Issues

- Bread for the World [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) (202) 639-9400
- Congressional Hunger Center [www.hungercenter.org](http://www.hungercenter.org) (202) 547-7022
- Food Research and Action Center [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org) (202) 986-2200
- Second Harvest [www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org) (800) 771-2303
- Foods Resource Bank [www.foodsresourcebank.org](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org) (888) 276-4FRB

## Child Care Issues

- Child Welfare League of America [www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org) (202) 638-2952
- Children's Defense Fund [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) (202) 628-8787
- Ecumenical Child Care Network [www.eccn.org](http://www.eccn.org) (800) 694-5443
- National Association for the Education of Young Children [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) (800) 424-2460

## Health Care

Affordable, quality health care for all, regardless of income. It is unacceptable that 44 million Americans, including 11 million children, continue to lack insurance. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns to become involved in healthcare efforts:

- Children's Defense Fund [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) (202) 628-8787
- Christian Community Health Fellowship [www.cchf.org](http://www.cchf.org) (773) 843-2700
- Families USA [www.familiesusa.org](http://www.familiesusa.org) (202) 628-3030
- National Coalition on Health Care [www.nchc.org](http://www.nchc.org) (202) 638-7151

## Affordable Housing

Safe, affordable housing. Eliminating poverty housing and homelessness through affordable housing must be a societal goal. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in affordable housing efforts:

- Habitat for Humanity [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) (229) 924-6935

- National Alliance to End Homelessness [www.naeh.org](http://www.naeh.org) (202) 638-1526
- National Coalition for the Homeless [www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org) (202) 737-6444
- National Low Income Housing Coalition [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org) (202) 662-1530
- Rebuilding Together [www.rebuildingtogether.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether.org) (202) 483-9083

### **Safe and Secure Neighborhoods**

Safe and secure neighborhoods. A safe and healthy environment is essential to rebuilding families and communities. We must eliminate crime and violence, and end the scourge of life-destroying drugs. A safe and healthy environment is essential to rebuilding families and communities. We must eliminate crime and violence, and end the scourge of life-destroying drugs. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in safe and secure neighborhoods:

- CDF Black Community Crusade for Children [www.childrensdefense.org/bccc.htm](http://www.childrensdefense.org/bccc.htm) (202)628-8787
- Families Against Violence Action Network [members.aol.com/ppjn/favan.html](http://members.aol.com/ppjn/favan.html) (314) 533-4445
- National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise [www.ncne.com](http://www.ncne.com) (202) 518-6500
- National Coalition of Barrios Unidos [www.barriosunidos.com](http://www.barriosunidos.com) (831) 457-8208
- National Ten Point Leadership Foundation [www.ntlf.org](http://www.ntlf.org) (617) 373-7273
- Prison Fellowship International [www.pfi.org](http://www.pfi.org) (703) 481-0000
- World Vision US\* [www.worldvision.org/worldvision/wvusuf/nsf/america](http://www.worldvision.org/worldvision/wvusuf/nsf/america) (253) 815-1000

### **Education**

Schools that work for all our children. We can no longer allow partisan battles to blur the moral issue that children's educational opportunities are unjustly based on where they live and their parents' income. We can no longer allow partisan battles to blur the moral issue that children's educational opportunities are unjustly based on where they live and their parent's income. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in family friend policy and program efforts:

- Campus Compact [www.compact.org](http://www.compact.org) (401) 863-1119
- Center on Education Policy [www.ctredpol.org](http://www.ctredpol.org) (202) 822-8065
- Children's Defense Fund [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) (202) 628-8787
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) (410) 521-4939
- National Education Association [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org) (202) 833-4000
- Public Education Network [www.publiceducation.org](http://www.publiceducation.org) (202) 628-7460

### **Family Friendly Policies and Programs**

Family-friendly policies and programs in every sector of society. Families and communities must be rebuilt as the primary foundation and nurturing networks of a healthy society. Since strong families are one of our best anti-poverty measures, we must do all that we can to support them. Contact the following organizations and/or campaigns for ways to become involved in family friend policy and program efforts:

- Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence [www.cpsdv.org](http://www.cpsdv.org) (206) 634-1903
- Children's Defense Fund [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) (202) 628-8787
- Evangelicals for Social Action [www.esa-online.org](http://www.esa-online.org) (610) 645-9391
- Family Violence Prevention Fund [www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org) (415) 252-8900
- National Fatherhood Initiative [www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org) (301) 948-0599
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy [www.teenpregnancy.org](http://www.teenpregnancy.org) (202) 478-8500

### **Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is defined as *the illegal movement of people, within national or across international borders, for the purposes of exploitation in the form of sex, domestic service or manual labor.* Though complete, that definition cannot capture the suffering of modern-day slaves. It is easy for North Americans to feel removed from the pain and think human trafficking is only happening in remote places around the world. However, it is happening here as well.

- The Covenant Church [www.covchurch.org/humantrafficking](http://www.covchurch.org/humantrafficking) (773) 784-3000
- International Justice Mission [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org) (703) 465-5495
- Love 146 [www.love146.org](http://www.love146.org) (203) 772-4420