



**CLUE California** is an alliance of thirteen interfaith organizations around the state that came together in 2005 to build a faith-rooted movement for economic justice. CLUE-CA includes established and robust organizations in the largest urban areas of the state as well as newer organizations in the fast-growing areas of Orange County, the Inland Empire, and the Central Valley and smaller organizations in the Central Coast and northward of the Bay Area.

CLUE-CA engages a very broad network of congregations; many of our core leaders are evangelicals. We have pioneered model programs which bring evangelical immigrant and non-immigrant congregations together around immigrant rights and immigrant integration as well as engaging members and leaders of these congregations in education and other issues connected to the budget.

CLUE CA has been engaged in moral budgeting campaigns for four years, piloting a set of effective moral budgeting tools in 2007 that were designed in collaboration with the Sacramento interfaith council (representatives of all of the denominational legislative advocacy divisions). In the process of this, CLUE discovered a multi-layered strategy for grassroots dialogue with policymakers of faith that has had proven success in transforming perspectives and stances. CLUE CA communicates with conservative legislators on multiple levels, including working within the faith communities these legislators respect to create a “surround sound” web of voices and perspectives that legislators must take seriously.

We also organize opportunities for ongoing behind-the-scenes conversations between these policymakers and their vulnerable constituents on the basis of our sacred common ground – bringing members of congregations who are closest to the impact of the budget crisis and have their own visions of a solution into deep dialogue with their faith leaders who have personal relationships with these policymakers and with the legislators themselves. Our faith-rooted organizing model asserts that no human being is a “target” but rather that everyone can be called to respond to the inner voice that recognizes our common connection and cares about the most vulnerable among us. This approach allows us to engage people with a wide variety of experiences and positions in real dialogue that results in creative solutions.