

# UNITED METHODIST

We hold governments responsible for the ... guarantee of rights to adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care. (§164.a)

We recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of individuals and corporate entities and that ensure full employment and adequate incomes with a minimum of inflation. (§163)

We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. (§163)

## *United Methodist Social Principles*

Whereas, tax laws are necessary to raise revenues to meet the minimum health, safety, educational, and welfare needs of the community, the Judeo-Christian standards of justice require that the taxes imposed be fair to poor and low-income citizens and raise adequate revenues for the society's common good

*2004 Book of Resolutions #228 Establish  
Annual Conference State Taxation Task Force*