

COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHURCH OF THE DUNES

A Statement from Church Council of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes

The following statement is inspired by the newly revised Social Principles of the United Methodist Church (effective: January 1, 2025), which states that “our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable.” We are concerned about the recent, overwhelming onslaught of laws, actions, rulings, and orders that are adversely impacting the human rights, dignity, safety, and livelihood of millions of our fellow residents. The Church of the Dunes Council will resist efforts to use Christian faith to justify these or similarly harmful laws, actions, rulings, or orders. We commit our congregation to the following:

- We will never turn away when those for whom our faith calls us to care and seek justice are being harmed or threatened with harm.
- We will speak boldly in defense of the immigrant, the poor, and the intentionally marginalized.
- We will not be silent in the face of efforts to exclude or punish people based on their race, religion, abilities, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
- We will take seriously our charge from God to care for our planet and all its creatures.
- We will stand for truth, ethics, science, justice, and the common good. Our actions and words are guided by our Biblically-based values and on our understanding that all people are children of God. We will follow Christ’s call to stand for justice as we continue to show love and care for all our neighbors.

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