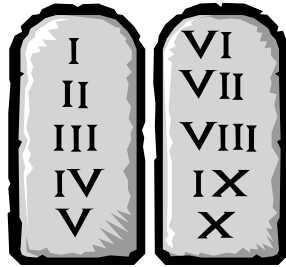


Ten Commandments of Economic Justice in Milwaukee



We are people of faith, from diverse religious traditions. Our destinies are intertwined by a core of beliefs and values. We believe that God has created and called us to live in community. That community should exist in a just and equitable economy. We believe that peace and prosperity are more possible in a vibrant economy that works for all people!

We envision for Milwaukee a restored economy, a peaceable city, a desired city, a city of truth (Zechariah Chapter Eight).

We as people of faith and institutions of Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) declare by these Ten Commandments of Economic and Workforce Justice, our vision for Milwaukee as a city of truth.

As we stand on these guiding principles, we promote peace, prosperity, equality and hope for all people. We seek as people of God to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

- 1 **We believe** that residents of Milwaukee's Central City shall benefit from job creation and economic development in Milwaukee.
- 2 **We believe** that reliable and affordable public transportation shall connect Central City workers to jobs in the greater Milwaukee region.
- 3 **We believe** that job training shall be of high quality and lead to the development of marketable skills and access to employment in good jobs and family supporting wages.
- 4 **We believe** that economic development shall emphasize jobs that provide family supporting wages with good benefits.

- 5 **We believe** that when public dollars are used for development projects, benefits of good jobs, affordable housing, and job training shall be built into the plan.
- 6 **We believe** that Initiatives shall be created to make Milwaukee's workforce reflect the rich diversity of our city.
- 7 **We believe** that a strategic plan for economic and workforce development shall be put together by the highest ranking officials in the city government and that plan shall bring together diverse constituencies from the community, government, and business to create a unified plan.
- 8 **We believe** that workforce development shall include strategies for training and employing people who are recovering from addictions, ex-offenders, and others with particular barriers to employment.
- 9 **We believe** that small business development in the Central City shall be promoted and supported by public and private investment as well as regulatory agencies.
- 10 **We believe** that workers' fundamental human and civil rights shall be protected regardless of legal status or citizenship.



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