

The Long Spoons Coalition

As people of faith, we believe that Missouri's budget is a moral document, reflecting our deepest values.

We affirm that our revenue and expenditures should meet human need, promote the common good, and reflect honesty and accountability.

We believe that all citizens should contribute to the common good through a system of taxation based on ability to pay.

We believe that justice demands the dismantling of Missouri's very regressive tax system and its replacement with a system that is adequate, fair, and sustainable.

We will work in our communities to promote in depth discussion of Missouri's budget process, tax system, and the unmet needs of our neighbors.

We will write, call, and visit legislators to discuss these issues.

We will pray for our budget to be shaped by justice and put our prayers into action. We will witness to our beliefs through public events, educational activities, and contacts with the media.

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