



DHN is dedicated to improving people's lives by advocating for policies that end poverty and need.

The Interreligious Working Group on Domestic Human Needs (DHN) seeks to promote policies that eliminate the root causes of poverty and provide support for those currently experiencing poverty.

DHN is one of the oldest working groups within the Washington Interreligious Staff Community (WISC). We represent over twenty-five religious organizations and faith traditions who all share the goal of ending the poverty and hunger facing millions of Americans.

Subcommittees:

Hunger- The Hunger Subcommittee is focused on advancing policies that protect and strengthen federal nutrition assistance programs, recognizing that the charitable food sector alone is not equipped to respond to the scope of hunger in America.

Housing- The Housing Subcommittee is committed to public policies and proven programs that reduce homelessness and increase access to affordable housing. Nearly every faith tradition across the United States shares a common understanding and call to end homelessness in our communities.

Jobs, Economy, Labor – The Jobs, Economy, and Labor Subcommittee is committed to ensuring everyone has access to meaningful, dignified work that ensures a livable wage, paid sick and family leave, and empowerment in the workplace.

Budget and Taxes - The Budget and Taxation Subcommittee is focused on advancing policies that protect and strengthen human needs programs and promote tax justice. Faith communities believe the Federal Budget is a moral document reflecting the priorities of our nation and that all Americans must pay their fair share of taxes to support the common good.

Cooperating Organizations Include:

American Baptist Churches USA
American Friends Service Committee
Bread for the World
Call to Renewal
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative
The Episcopal Church, USA
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faith & Credit Roundtable
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Interfaith Worker Justice
Islamic Relief USA
Islamic Society of North America
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
McAuley Institute
Mennonite Central Committee
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Poligon Education Fund
The Office of Social Justice; Christian Reformed Church
Presbyterian Church (USA) Washington Office
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
The Salvation Army
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Church of Christ, Justice & Witness Ministries
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church & Society