

Interreligious Working Group on
Domestic Human Needs
of the Washington Interfaith Staff
Community



advocating for policies that improves people's lives

DHN seeks to promote policies that aim to eliminate the root causes of poverty and provide support for those currently experiencing poverty.

DHN achieves these aims through four subcommittees:

1. Tax, Appropriations, and Budget

Advocates for policies that promote human needs programs and tax justice with the belief that the federal budget is a moral document reflecting the priorities of our nation.

2. Hunger and Nutrition

Focuses on advancing policies that protect and strengthen federal nutrition assistance programs.

3. Housing and Homelessness

Committed to public policies and proven programs that reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing.

4. Labor and Education

Strives to ensure everyone has access to meaningful, dignified work with a livable wage, paid sick and family leave, and other means of empowerment in the workplace.

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The Interreligious Working Group on Domestic Human Needs (DHN) is one of the oldest working groups within the Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC), representing a wide variety of religious organizations and faith traditions. We might not agree on everything, but ending the poverty and hunger facing millions of Americans is a priority we all share. We advocate to lawmakers, connect our members to their representatives, and curate resources to inform our community members.



We advance federal policies that will help eliminate the root causes of poverty and enable individuals to live with dignity, ensuring secure futures for themselves and their families.

DHN advocates to lawmakers on the most pressing legislation of the times.

From annual appropriations to standalone pieces of legislation, we show up when it matters.



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