



# Health Care For All



## **BACKGROUND**

Health Care reform has been a major topic of national debate for years now. The coverage has been full of negative ads, partisan rhetoric, and a news cycle filled with fear and half-truths about health-care reform. It is time for Christians to make their voice heard and affirm what we believe in:

***quality, affordable access to life-giving services for all people.***

## **ACTION**

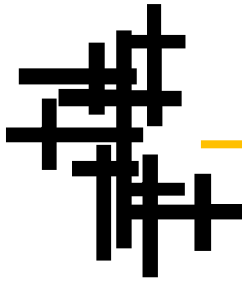
We ask that you read and consider signing “A Christian Creed on Health-Care Reform”. If you choose to do so, a copy of it will be sent to your members of Congress. In addition, after you sign you will be given a link to Sojourners’ free discussion guide about health-care reform, to help guide discussions in your family, at you work place, among your friends, and in your congregation or small group.

Click on the link below to sign the creed online.

[http://go.sajo.net/campaign/health\\_care](http://go.sajo.net/campaign/health_care)

(If the link does not work copy and paste it into your browser)

Go to page 2 for to take action if you are not online.



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**ACTION FOR THOSE WITHOUT WEB ACCESS**

If you do not have web access, call or write your Senators and Congressman. Advise them that you have signed the “Christian Creed on Health-Care Reform”. Ask them to adhere to the principles.

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Here is the text of the creed for your reference:

*As one of God's children, I believe that protecting the health of each human being is a profoundly important personal and communal responsibility for people of faith.*

*I believe God created each person in the divine image to be spiritually and physically healthy. I feel the pain of sickness and disease in our broken world (Genesis 1:27, Romans 8:22).*

*I believe life and healing are core tenets of the Christian life. Christ's ministry included physical healing, and we are called to participate in God's new creation as instruments of healing and redemption (Matthew 4:23, Luke 9:1-6; Mark 7:32-35, Acts 10:38). Our nation should strive to ensure all people have access to life-giving treatments and care.*

*I believe, as taught by the Hebrew prophets and Jesus, that the measure of a society is seen in how it treats the most vulnerable. The current discussion about health-care reform is important for the United States to move toward a more just system of providing care to all people (Isaiah 1:16-17, Jeremiah 7:5-7, Matthew 25:31-45).*

*I believe that all people have a moral obligation to tell the truth. To serve the common good of our entire nation, all parties debating reform should tell the truth and refrain from distorting facts or using fear-based messaging (Leviticus 19:11; Ephesians 4:14-15, 25; Proverbs 6:16-19).*

*I believe that Christians should seek to bring health and well-being (shalom) to the society into which God has placed us, for a healthy society benefits all members (Jeremiah 29:7).*

*I believe in a time when all will live long and healthy lives, from infancy to old age (Isaiah 65:20), and "mourning and crying and pain will be no more" (Revelation 21:4). My heart breaks for my brothers and sisters who watch their loved ones suffer, or who suffer themselves, because they cannot afford a trip to the doctor. I stand with them in their suffering.*

*I believe health-care reform must rest on a foundation of values that affirm each and every life as a sacred gift from the Creator (Genesis 2:7).*

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