

FAITH ACTION NETWORK

A Partnership for the Common Good

2015 Legislative Agenda

Reducing Wealth Inequality (*Our Lead Issue*): *We will advocate for policies that address the disproportionate accumulation of wealth by a small percentage of individuals and families while others struggle to survive, with particular attention to the negative impacts on women and communities of color.*

- Wage Theft bills (Payroll Fraud/Employee Mis-classification, Wage Recovery, Treble Damages, and Anti-Retaliation)
- State Minimum Wage increase
- Paycheck Fairness bill
- Increased jobs & contracts for the African American community/businesses

Forging a Sustainable Biennial Budget: *We will advocate for a sustainable budget with sufficient revenue to meet the needs of our state while protecting the safety net for those who are low-income and vulnerable.*

- Creating revenue to meet the needs of all of our state (repeal tax exemptions and enact capital gains tax)
- Protect hunger, poverty, and mental health programs (WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), State Food Assistance (SFA), Emergency Feeding Assistance Program (EFAP), Housing & Essential Needs/Aged, Blind, & Disabled (HEN/ABD), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) grant)
- Fully fund K-12 education (McCleary decision) while not putting at risk our state's safety net

Dismantling the Culture of Violence: *FAN will promote policies to reduce multiple forms of violence across our state (prisons, human trafficking, deportations, guns) that disproportionately affect communities of color and to provide opportunities for economic stability.*

- Human trafficking prevention bills
- Criminal justice reforms (Inmate Post-Secondary Education, Legal Financial Obligations (LFO) reforms, replace the death penalty statute with life without the possibility of parole, enact "Ban the Box" legislation)
- Reduce deportations by enacting the Family Unity bill
- Gun violence reduction bills

Protect Housing and Prevent Homelessness: *Supporting the basic human right to have safe and secure shelter by working with partners to secure more funding for and equitable access to affordable housing, helping reduce the rising numbers of those who are homeless in our state.*

- Protect Housing Trust Fund
- Medicaid benefit for Tenancy Support Services in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Enact Fair Tenant Screening bill

Sustaining Washington's Environment: *Addressing this vital and critical part of who we are as the Evergreen State, FAN will work with our faith partner Earth Ministry to continue the important work of restoring and preserving Washington's fragile ecosystem.*

- Support Governor's climate change package
- Enact Toxic-Free Kids bill
- Support more stringent regulations for oil and coal trains