

## **JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Check out any of the following to find an organization which matches your interests and passion. Many of these will send action alerts to keep you updated on issues which you can in turn contact your senators and representatives. This list is not in any specific order, nor is it all inclusive...*

**Catholic Relief Services** Confront Global Poverty [www.confrontglobalpoverty.org](http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org)  
*Catholics Confront Global Poverty (CCGP) is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. It represents the official voice of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States on policy issues related to improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people worldwide*

**Catholic Charities Office of Social Justice** [www.cctwincities.org/advocacy](http://www.cctwincities.org/advocacy)  
*Catholic Charities serves those most in need while calling for justice in the community. We are a leader at solving poverty, creating opportunity, and advocating for justice in the community. We encourage you to [join us](#) as we work to create lasting change for people living in poverty. For over 140 years, Catholic Charities has served the poorest and most vulnerable of our community. Today, we are the largest comprehensive social service nonprofit in the Twin Cities region. Catholic Charities annually helps 35,000 people, regardless of faith.*

**Bread for the World** [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)  
*Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent. Confronting the problem of hunger can seem overwhelming. What can one person possibly do? As it turns out, plenty. We can end hunger in our time. Everyone, including our government, must do their part. Together, we can build the political commitment needed to overcome hunger and poverty.*

**Minnesota Housing Partnership** [www.mhponline.org](http://www.mhponline.org)  
*Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) convenes, guides, and supports those working to improve the conditions of home and community. Building on decades of experience, we strengthen development capacity and promote policies that expand opportunity, especially for people at the lowest income levels.*

**ISAIAH** [www.isaiah-mn.org](http://www.isaiah-mn.org)  
*ISAIAH is a faith-based coalition of more than 100 member congregations that lets communities in Minnesota more effectively live out their faith in biblical justice and the common good. By uniting local congregations in a large regional organization, ISAIAH strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues, including sprawl, affordable housing, transportation, and racial inequity.*

**MICAH** [www.micah.org](http://www.micah.org)  
*Religious leaders, community members and low income housing developers founded MICAH in 1988 in response to the accelerating homeless crisis. Through MICAH, more*

*than 150 congregations from Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith traditions organize for justice in housing. We envision a metropolitan area where everyone without exception has a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.*

**Catholic Rural Life** [www.ncrlc.com](http://www.ncrlc.com)

*Our mission is to apply the teachings of Jesus Christ for the social, economic, and spiritual development of rural America with responsibility for the care of God's creation. By providing spiritual, educational and advocacy assistance, CRL helps rural people shape their futures and lead lives of dignity.*

**Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good** [www.catholicsinalliance.org](http://www.catholicsinalliance.org)

*Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good promotes public policies and effective programs that enhance the inherent dignity of all, especially the poor and most vulnerable. Our work is inspired by Gospel values and the rich history of Catholic social teaching as they inform pressing moral issues of our time. We accomplish our goals through public policy analysis and advocacy, strategic media outreach, and engaging citizens in the service of the common good.*

**Network** [www.networklobby.org](http://www.networklobby.org)

*A Catholic leader in the global movement for justice and peace, NETWORK educates, lobbies, and organizes for economic and social transformation. NETWORK is a progressive voice within the Catholic community that has been influencing Congress in favor of peace and justice for more than 40 years. Through lobbying and legislative advocacy, we strive to close the gap between rich and poor and to dismantle policies rooted in racism, greed and violence. Since our founding in 1971 by 47 Catholic sisters, NETWORK has been faithfully answering the Gospel call to act for justice.*

**Habitat for Humanity** [www.Habitat.org](http://www.Habitat.org). <http://www.tchabitat.org>

*To eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience.*

**Interfaith Power and Light** <http://mnipl.org>

*Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light believes the active care of creation is integral to spiritual life and social justice. Through leadership and guidance to Minnesota's faith communities, we respond to climate change by bringing faith communities together and providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement. Since our founding as Congregations Caring for Creation in 2004, we have mobilized religious support for landmark legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota, educated hundreds of thousands of congregants, and worked with every major religious denomination in the state.*

**Earthday Network** [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

*The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. Growing out of the first*

*Earth Day, Earth Day Network (EDN) works with over 22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.*

**Land Stewardship Project** [www.landstewardshipproject.org](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org)

*The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1982 to foster an ethic of stewardship for farmland, to promote sustainable agriculture and to develop sustainable communities. LSP is dedicated to creating transformational change in our food and farming system. LSP's work has a broad and deep impact, from new farmer training and local organizing, to federal policy and community based food systems development. At the core of all our work are the values of stewardship, justice and democracy.*

**Sojourners** [www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net)

*Sojourners is a national Christian organization committed to faith in action for social justice. We seek to inspire hope and build a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world. With a 40-year history, Sojourners is a nonpartisan leader that convenes, builds alliances among, and mobilizes people of faith, focusing on racial and social justice, life and peace, and environmental stewardship. Working through Sojourners magazine, Sojourners' website [sojo.net](http://sojo.net), public speaking events, media outreach, educational resources, books, advocacy, and trainings, Sojourners is an internationally influential voice at the intersection of faith, politics, and culture.*

**Justice for Immigrants** [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

*The primary objectives of the JFI campaign are: To educate the public, especially the Catholic community, including Catholic public officials, about Church teaching on migration and immigrants; To create political will for positive immigration reform; To enact legislative and administrative reforms based on the principles articulated by the bishops; and To organize Catholic networks to assist qualified immigrants obtain the benefits of the reforms.*

**Joint Religious Legislative Coalition** [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org)

*JRLC researches and publishes Issue Papers on pressing social justice issues in Minnesota. JRLC explores interfaith religious principles and expert policy analysis and makes recommendations to the citizens of Minnesota and the State Legislature. JRLC published a new paper on human trafficking in Minnesota in the spring of 2012, and recently released a new paper on payday lending. JRLC operates two advocacy networks to bring about the recommendations of issue papers; The JRLC Legislative Network involves over 8,000 faithful citizen/volunteers who act upon timely action alerts, issue briefings, and organize activities to shape public policy. JRLC's Interfaith Children's Advocacy Network (iCAN) is a passionate, faithful network of over 200 Key Advocates who speak out in their congregations on behalf of children experiencing poverty or abuse.*

*On March 13, 2014 all are invited to join JRLC for Day on the Hill conference at RiverCentre and the State Capitol. Participants are briefed on social justice issues and then visit members of the legislature. Last year's event attracted over 750 people from all 67 of Minnesota's 67 senate districts!*

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development** [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) or [www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/](http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/)

*The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, "... to bring good news to the poor... release to captives... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18) Established in 1970 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCHD has a two-fold mandate: To help low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, their families and communities. To provide education and promote understanding about poverty and its root causes. This dual strategy of "helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves" and "education for economic justice" reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.*

**One Acre Fund** <http://www.oneacrefund.org/>

*Andrew Youn who grew up in our parish started One Acre Fund in 2006 to serve small-scale farmers. "In everything we do, we place the farmer first. We measure success in our ability to make more farmers more prosperous." In 2012 One Acre Fund served 137,000 farm families, serving more than 548,000 children in eastern African nations of Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania.*

**Keystone Community Services** <http://www.keystoneservices.org/>

*Works to ensure that individuals, families, seniors and youth in our area can live with dignity and hope. Provides the food shelf for our community, as well as Meals on Wheels and other services.*

**Loaves and Fishes** <http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/>

*Mission: to provide nutritious meals to those who need them most. Served over 358,000 meals in the Twin Cities in 2012.*

**University Life Care Center** <http://www.ulifecare.org/>

*You are not alone. We care. We can help. The University LifeCare Center provides confidential, free services. We have licensed medical professionals who provide our medical services. We have peer counselors who care about you. We can educate you about abortion and abortion alternatives. We promote life-affirming solutions for women and men making difficult choices about their lives. We help women and men find hope, safety, and freedom. It is our mission to help you understand all of your options so you have the information you need to make the decision that is best for your situation.*