

**Faith
Coalition
for the
Common
Good**



A VOICE OF PRINCIPLE FROM THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Budgets are moral documents expressing our common values and priorities. The following principles are offered by the faith community to inform and guide the development of the upcoming two-year budget for the state of Ohio.

1. SERVE THE COMMON GOOD

A primary goal of government—as our founders affirmed—is to work for the “common good.” Provision of essential human services is more efficient and effective than crisis management.

2. DO NO HARM

Basic human compassion underlies this bedrock ethical mandate. Every policy will be weighed and each fiscal decision measured by the principle of not harming the people of Ohio.

3. SHARE SACRIFICES

The current budget situation requires significant sacrifices. As Ohioans, we commit to share the necessary sacrifices equitably and unselfishly, so that all Ohioans do their part to ensure that the most vulnerable are protected.

4. SHOW CIVILITY

Civility contributes to teamwork and helpful dialogue. Therefore in all budget discourse we will use words that respect and build up the people of Ohio.

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