



# Healthcare

Our Faith Our Vote: Issue Education Resource

## Where Does the UCC Stand on Healthcare?

The United Church of Christ believes that health care access is a basic human right and a matter of justice. Through multiple General Synod resolutions, the UCC has advocated for universal access to affordable, quality health care, especially for low-income and marginalized communities. The UCC has endorsed policies aimed at expanding coverage, reducing inequities in care, and protecting vulnerable populations from being denied treatment because of income, race, disability, age, immigration status, or inability to pay. General Synod has also repeatedly affirmed the importance of public investment in health systems and access to preventive, mental, and reproductive health services.

More broadly, the UCC approaches health care through a holistic lens that connects physical, mental, spiritual, and community well-being. Recent General Synod actions and denominational ministries have emphasized mental health justice, accessibility, compassionate language around illness and disability, and the church's responsibility to care for the whole person. The UCC's advocacy reflects its wider commitment to economic justice, human dignity, and the belief that society should organize its institutions around care for the common good rather than exclusion or profit alone.

## Prayer

*God of healing and restoration, we give you thanks for all who care for the sick, comfort the suffering, and work to bring healing and hope into our world. We pray for those who are ill, uninsured, burdened by medical debt, struggling with mental health challenges, or unable to access the care they need. Grant strength to patients, wisdom to caregivers and medical professionals, and courage to leaders entrusted with shaping policies that affect the well-being of our communities.*

*Help us to build a society where every person is treated with dignity and where health care is guided by compassion, justice, and concern for the common good. In the name of Jesus Christ, who healed the sick and restored sight to the blind. Amen.*

## Want to learn more?

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## Questions for Candidates

- Do you believe health care is a basic human right, and what specific policies would you support to ensure that every person in our community can access affordable, quality care regardless of income or employment status?
- Mental health challenges, addiction, and disparities in care continue to affect many families. What steps would you take to expand access to mental health and substance use treatment services, particularly in underserved communities?
- Medical debt and rising prescription drug costs place enormous burdens on working families and seniors. What reforms would you prioritize to lower health care costs while protecting access to care and patient outcomes?

## Take Additional Action

- Connect with the [Council for Health and Human Service Ministries](#)
- Sign up to join the [Justice & Peace Action Network](#) to stay informed on opportunities to advocate for affordable healthcare.

