

Human Rights Handout

The Scriptures Speak on Human Rights



The verses and passages here are from the Christian Community Bible. Read through them for an understanding of God's call to justice and for an overview of the biblical basis for ministry with and for children.

Do not seek revenge or nurture a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself; I am Yahweh. (Leviticus 19:18)

See the fast that pleases me: breaking the fetters of injustice and unfastening the thongs of the yoke, setting the oppressed free and breaking every yoke. Fast by sharing your food with the hungry, bring to your house the homeless, clothe the person you see naked and do not turn away from your own kin. Then will your light break forth as the morning and your healing will come speedily. Your righteousness will be your vanguard, the Glory of Yahweh will be your rearguard. Then you will call and Yahweh will answer, you will cry and Yahweh will say, I am here. (Isaiah 58:6-9a)

You have been told what is good and what Yahweh requires of you: To do justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Speak on behalf of the dumb and defend the cause of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, pronounce just sentences, defend the needy and the poor. (Proverbs 31: 8-9)

You hear, O Lord, the longings of the afflicted, and you strengthen their hearts; you give heed to the miserable plight of the exploited, so that people may no longer strike terror on earth. (Psalm 10:17-18)