

## **MICAH Team Ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Micah 6:8 “ he has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”

The Micah Team are concerned Emmanuel members who act to see that a voice speaks to the legislators and leaders who are making decisions for those “children” of God who are for whatever reasons are unable to speak out for themselves regarding the social injustices which are inflicted upon them. We get our instructions directly from God as spoken through the prophets and his son, Jesus.

Proverbs 31:8-9

“Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

The Micah Team takes it’s Statement of Purpose from the ELCA’s “The Church in Society” Social statement:

“This church shall work with and on behalf of the poor, the powerless, and those who suffer, using its power and influence with political and economic decision-making bodies to develop and advocate policies that seek to advance justice, peace, and the care of creation.”

Taking the Proverbs command and the ELCA constitution seriously in the service of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the Micah Team will work to advocate for the disadvantaged at local, state and federal levels of decision-makers. Our efforts will be focused on the issues of poverty, hunger and homelessness.

The Micah Team does not provide direct service to the needy, but works in concert with other Emmanuel teams who do. We do not assume we will be speaking for all members of Emmanuel, but will bear witness as representatives of the ELCA, providing a Gospel witness in the public square.

We do this by bringing attention to the members of Emmanuel Lutheran those issues which the ELCA identifies that are before our legislative bodies for discussion or vote which need the input of the church as to determine the best policy in view of our church’s social statements. We offer education as to the biblical basis for our work, other resources for advocacy issues through the ELCA website, methods and procedures that best express our concerns to our government leaders, and provide programs which invite the members of Emmanuel to join in advocacy letter writing campaigns. We encourage our members to participate in faith based political rallies such as Darfur and Immigration and to become ONE Lutherans and ELCA advocates through the ELCA website.

Please feel free to contact any of our team members for more information or to join the Micah Team.

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