

A Prophetic Vision for Ohio's Budget



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Ohio needs a budget that will lift up the vulnerable, strengthen communities, and empower community leaders to be responsible stewards of our collective resources.

People of Faith Believe:

Budgets are moral documents

The budget shows our real priorities as a community. It should reflect our values and commitment to social justice.

There is enough

Ohio is a state of abundance with more than enough to provide for the least among us. We must overcome our fear that we lack resources to invest in our communities.

Government is a steward to the people

We have major obstacles, and through smart public investments we can overcome them.

Winds of justice need our breath

We need to lift our voices to say we value a society where we take care of each other, and charity is not a substitute for a public commitment to invest in the common good.

Ohio's Budget Should:

Invest in great public services that improve our communities and support the revenues to pay for them, including:

- Review tax loopholes and close the unnecessary ones.
- Make sure wealthy individuals and corporations pay their fair share.
- Keep our tax code up to date - including a fair severance tax.