



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

## MINIMUM WAGE RESOLUTION

*Adopted by the Vestry of All Saints Church Pasadena on November 14, 2006*

**WHEREAS**, All Saints Church is committed to dismantling oppressive systems and building structures and communities that reflect God's compassion and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, our prophetic call is to take care of the poorest and most vulnerable in society; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesus began his ministry proclaiming, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." [Luke 4:18]; and

**WHEREAS**, we are deeply concerned about the increasing incidence of poverty in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum wage has not been increased since 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, once an adjustment for inflation is taken into account, the purchasing power of the current minimum wage has declined to its lowest level since 1955; and

**WHEREAS**, a person working full-time for \$5.15 an hour would earn \$10,712 annually, which is \$5,888 less than the poverty level for a family of three;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, California, do hereby urge Congress to increase the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over the next two years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge Congress to add regular cost of living increases for the minimum wage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge Congress to enact a living wage for all workers.

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