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American Baptist Churches of
Wisconsin

Church of God in Christ,
Wisconsin First Jurisdiction

Episcopal Church,
Diocese of Milwaukee

Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America,
Greater Milwaukee Synod

Islamic Society of Milwaukee

Jewish Community Relations
Council

Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Presbyterian Church (USA),
Presbytery of Milwaukee

Religious Society of Friends,
The Milwaukee Meeting

Roman Catholic Church,
The Milwaukee Archdiocese

Unitarian Universalist Churches,
Southeastern Wisconsin Association

United Church of Christ,
Southeastern Wisconsin Association

United Methodist Church,
Metro North & South Districts

Wisconsin Council of Rabbis

Wisconsin General Baptist
State Convention

Call for a State Budget that Supports the Common Good

The *Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee* affirms the dignity of every person and the solidarity of the human community. It is our conviction that the human community can thrive only when all of its citizens, especially its most vulnerable, are valued and protected. Each of the faith traditions we represent recognizes the particular responsibility of society to care for the poor and the powerless.

Therefore, we call on Wisconsin's elected leaders to work toward the common good – considering in their deliberations and their decisions the needs of all God's children: "the least of these" and the rest of us, the children and the elderly, the healthy and the sick.

We understand that, in this time and this economic environment, sacrifice is needed – but sacrifice must be shared among all persons, and not required only of those without power or voice.

The human community thrives when communities are strong, with good schools, safe and livable neighborhoods, and sound infrastructure. It thrives when God's good creation, with which we are entrusted, is respected and protected.

A budget is never simply a statement of assets and expenditures, but always reflects the important values and priorities that form the foundation for our common life.

We call on Wisconsin's elected officials and others to engage in honest, respectful dialog and to reach decisions together that will benefit the common good.

"To uphold the dignity of every person and the solidarity of the human community"