In 2020, the Wisconsin Council of Churches will focus our advocacy efforts on these areas of public policy, with attention to how they involve or exacerbate racial disparities:

- In conversation with those most directly impacted, support legislative priorities of Wisconsin’s Native American Tribes and communities;
- Legislation to reduce Poverty and Hunger resulting from unjust policies and systems that deprive people, especially children, of the opportunity to live healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives;
- Legislation to reduce Gun Violence in its many forms, including suicide, domestic abuse, mass shootings, accidental shootings, and community violence; and
- Support Immigration policies that are just and compassionate, so that those who come seeking a better life for themselves and their families can live among us free from fear, exploitation, and discrimination.

We will address policies in these areas - and at times other issues as our faith calls us to meet an urgent need - to the degree that our membership can be engaged and that funding and staff capacity can sustain. In addressing an issue, the Wisconsin Council of Churches will choose from the following levels of engagement:

- **Lead:** Form a coalition, mobilize members, organize events, and create educational materials;
- **Act:** Offer testimony at legislative hearings, submit comments on rules, meet with legislators, send advocacy e-alerts, be active participants in a coalition, write a letter; or
- **Respond:** Sign on to a letter or collective action, join a coalition, register our position on a bill.

We prioritize issues and evaluate policies through the following lenses, asking whether a state or federal policy, rule, or piece of legislation:

- Provides necessary social and material support so that all persons – especially the most vulnerable – can have the opportunity to realize their God-given potential:
  - For mental, physical, and spiritual development as free and responsible persons;
  - to be of service to one’s neighbors through love and work; and
  - to share in the gifts of community and creation.

- Requires the treatment of each person with regard for:
  - Their inherent dignity, worth, and integrity as children of God;
  - Their unique contribution to the rich diversity of humanity and creation; and
  - The sacredness of the familial and community relationships through which God sustains and blesses them.

- Ensures racial equity in its implementation and outcomes, so that:
  - All persons are treated fairly and respectfully regardless of their race and ethnicity;
  - Disparities in income, wealth, health, education, incarceration, and all other measures of well-being are reduced; and
  - Hatred, mistreatment and disregard for persons because of their race or ethnicity is not tolerated.

- Recognizes the interdependence of human life within society and creation by:
  - Promoting the common good, shared prosperity, and the public structures and institutions that benefit everyone;
  - Welcoming, supporting, and respecting all who have become members of our communities and nation, regardless of their national origin or citizenship status;
  - Enabling all persons to have a say in the decisions that affect them, and removing arbitrary obstacles to voting that impact persons because of their age, race, disability, or economic status; and
  - Protecting the web of relationships through which God sustains all life.

* Actions are representative, not exclusive