

Ponderings of a Pilgrim

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We are Pilgrims. But we are part of a larger body. Below are the matters on which our denomination currently seeks to focus. As we attend to policy direction of the current administration, these can guide our 2015 advocacy.

- **Trade** - Our trade agreements impact our economy, jobs, the health of our environment, and the rights of workers throughout the world. We must demand transparency in trade.
- **Keystone XL Pipeline** - As people of faith, we are called to work for God's realm of justice, peace, and a livable planet for all. Fossil fuels are not the answer. There is a better way.
- **Immigration** - As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors. The Bible is unambiguous in calling us to welcome aliens and strangers in our land, and to love them as we love ourselves.
- **Criminal Justice** – We recognize the moral imperative to address the rate of incarceration in the U.S. and the growing evidence of racial disparity in the criminal justice system. The scriptural call to do justice leads us to work for responsible criminal justice reform measures.
- **Income Inequality** - We understand our call to care for the poor and vulnerable. Our General Synod has spoken repeatedly on issues of economic justice, reaffirming time and again our commitment to raising and keeping people out of poverty.
- **Global Peace and Security** - Given recent world events, U.S. security remains a primary concern for many, but continuously increasing Pentagon Spending is not the answer. As a Just Peace Church we support using all available mechanisms, including but not limited to diplomacy and development, to ensure U.S. security and promote peace.