

Missouri Health Care for All Key Talking Points:

We reflect the community's conscience in the health care struggle.

--Our principles call for quality, affordable, health care for all. The principles reflect four key areas: All Missourians must have quality affordable health care; the care must be available regardless of where you live or how much money you make; people will have choices that include good public insurance programs and private coverage; and we must pay for it in fair and efficient way.

--As faith leaders and community members, we know that people really want health care for all. We intend to reflect that conscience in the form of a powerful statewide group engaged in the health care struggle.

--We will hold people and policy makers accountable for moving towards health care for everyone and to the principles we've developed.

We are engaging the grassroots.

--We will grow a broad, inclusive network of grassroots individuals and groups—reaching out to diverse people in communities throughout the state.

--This grassroots movement will be available and organized when policy and advocacy folks identify an opportunity to improve or protect our health care system.

People are dying from lack of health care. We are responding to pressing needs in our communities.

--Faith and community leaders are building a strong coalition for the long haul. We do this because of the desperate need for health care we see in our congregations and organizations.

--The critical problems of health care access, lack of insurance and medical debt require response from the entire community, and these problems go beyond the scope of policy and legislative work.

We are building for the long haul, and we will raise a constant demand for health care for ALL.

--Although advocates, policy makers and legislators can bring about significant health care change, only a strong movement of the people can demand health care for all. **And we mean all.**

--We really intend to pull together and to stay together until we have health care for everyone, and that requires a long-term, grassroots coalition building.

We empower faith leaders and community organizations to outreach to the grassroots and elevate their voices.

--Advocacy and policy groups have an important role in leading the fight for health care justice, especially in technical areas of policy, planning and economics. However, it's hard for policy groups to inform and mobilize the grassroots when broad community support is needed. We will grow the grassroots network, *ready to act in coalition with advocates and policy makers.*