

***Prophetic Faith:
Preparing Your Church to Advocate Social Justice***

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Many church goers steer away from controversy. They come to church to be comforted and comfortable; not stirred up. Others feel strongly about community and social issues but are afraid of causing conflict in the church. *Prophetic Faith* can help you transform your congregation from a culture of conflict avoidance into one of respectful dialog, engagement, and renewed faith.

This 7-session adult study and DVD establishes a basis for planning and action related to social justice ministry. It supports discussion and reflection, raises awareness, and builds communication and advocacy skills.

Themes include:

Private Faith and Public Practice
The Church's Prophetic Heritage
Perspective Makes a Difference
Sowing Seeds for Justice
Beyond Avoidance: Healthy Conflict Is Possible
God and Emperor: Discerning the Dividing Line
Strengthening Our Congregation's Public Witness.

The *Participant Book* provides introductory reading for each session including reflection questions and space for readers to write about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. The goal is to discover, think about, and explore the relationship between Christian faith, social justice, and the public role of the church.

The *Leader Guide* includes engaging plans for seven 90-120 minute sessions with optional follow-up activities. Adaptable for almost any size group or time period, sessions introduce the topics, explore biblical perspectives, and generate small- and large-group discussion, building participant skills and awareness.

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