



What if 100,000 voices of faith speak out?

Dare to imagine what we could do!

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) just launched a major campaign to help solve our nation's health care problems. With press events, roundtable discussions, and media ads, AHIP is seeking 100,000 people who are satisfied with their health insurance. No doubt, millions of us could sign on; we're well insured, we get good care, and our personal health care costs are minimal. But as people of faith, we must read between the lines of such a campaign and challenge the status quo it represents. This particular AHIP effort is set to affirm health insurance industry practices which:

- Reduce their responsibility for many of those most in need of services.
- Override the recommendations of medical professionals to protect profits over people.
- Consider us "consumers" who purchase health care, not patients who access health care when we need it.
- Support policy changes that could decrease the number of uninsured, but increase industry profits and put greater financial burdens on families and government entities.

Our many religious traditions call us to different affirmations -- moral values which demonstrate our concern for the common good. Our role is to promote a vision for a health care future that works well for all of us. Such a health care future would affirm that:

- We are created in a holy image with a responsibility to honor one another's dignity by supporting efforts which lead to health and wholeness.
- We are called to be in community with shared responsibility to help provide for each other's health care needs.
- We are blessed with abundant health care resources and have a responsibility to use them wisely and equitably.
- We are endowed with a wide range of personal gifts, abilities and possibilities and have a responsibility to show greater concern for those who are vulnerable and struggling with health care issues.

We need thousands of voices of faith to help promote this vision. And we need YOU to help make it possible!

- **Take the [PULSE SURVEY](#)** before the **August 15th deadline** to share your vision for reform. If you already have taken the survey, please circulate the web version or print version widely among your friends and colleagues. The results of the survey will be presented in a Town Hall meeting and Press Event in Seattle, Washington in mid-September.
- **Write a [LETTER TO THE EDITOR](#)** of your local newspaper. [Click here](#) for a sample letter which you can send directly from the website of Faithful Reform in Health Care.
- **Invite** to your family, friends and colleagues **JOIN THE EMAIL LIST of Faithful Reform in Health Care**. Help us more effectively share a faith-inspired vision for our health care future!

Dare to imagine what 100,000 voices of faith could do to transform our nation's conversation about health care reform!

Health and peace,

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