

**ECONOMIC INEQUALITY:
A Christian Perspective**

Resource Guide

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Resources available online:

Social principles

You can view our United Methodist Social Principles online at:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/social-principles-social-creed>

You can also order a paperback version from Cokesbury for \$2.99, which contains the official text of the Social Principles from *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012* along with exercises for individuals or small groups, a topical index, and *Our Social Creed*.

The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis, pdf version available at
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html

The Dark Money Man: Sean Noble, Koch Cash and Politics, Kim Barker and Theodoric Meyer (article on www.azcentral.com, Feb. 19, 2014)

Pulling Apart: A State-by-State Analysis of Income Trends, Elizabeth McNichol, Douglas Hall, David Cooper, and Vincent Palacios (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Economic Policy Institute, Nov. 15, 2012, <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=3860>)

What the 1% Don't Want Us To Know, (video clip, April 18, 2014 Moyers & Co. production)
<http://billmoyers.com/episode/what-the-1-dont-want-you-to-know-2/>

Movies:

Inequality for All (available from the standard places where you rent or download movies)

DVDs:

Justice for the Poor, Jim Wallis and Sojourners (2010)

Songs:

Good News to the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics, Theodore W. Jennings, Jr. (1990)

Articles:

Karl Rove and the Modern Money Machine, Kenneth P. Vogel (Special Report in Politico Magazine, July/August 2014)

Inequality Is Not Inevitable, Joseph E. Stiglitz (Article in The New York Times, June 27, 2014)

How Billionaire Oligarchs Are Becoming their Own Political Parties, Jim Rutenberg (Article in The New York Times Magazine, Oct. 17, 2014)

Rent-seeking, Article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia,
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rent-seeking>

Books: (alphabetized by title)

Capital in the Twenty-First Century, Thomas Piketty

Christians and the Common Good, Charles Gutenson

Democracy Incorporated: Managed Democracy and the Specter of Inverted Totalitarianism, Sheldon S. Wolin

Democracy's Discontent, Michael Sander

Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice, Gary Dorrien

For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future, Herman E. Daly and John B. Cobb, Jr.

God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy, M. Douglas Meeks

How Much is Enough?: Money and the Good Life, Robert Skidelsky and Edward Skidelsky

Ill Fares the Land, Tony Judt

Income Inequality: Economic Disparities and the Middle Class in Affluent Countries, Edited by Janet C. Gornick and Markus Jantti

Journey to the Common Good, Walter Brueggemann

Out of Babylon, Walter Brueggemann

Saving Capitalism: for the Many, Not the Few, Robert Reich

The Common Good and Christian Ethics, David Hollenbach

The Economy of Desire: Christianity and Capitalism in a Postmodern World, Daniel M. Bell Jr.

The Good Society, Robert N. Bellah

The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis and What We Can Do about It, Timothy Noah

The Great Risk Shift, Jacob S. Hacker

The Liturgy of Abundance, the Myth of Scarcity, Walter Brueggemann

The Portion of the Poor: Good News to the Poor in the Wesleyan Tradition, Edited by M. Douglas Meeks

The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future, Joseph E. Stiglitz

The Radical Wesley: And Patterns for Church Renewal, Howard A. Snyder

The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger, Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

The Two Income Trap: Why Middle-Class Mothers and Fathers Are Going Broke, Elizabeth Warren and Amelia Warren Tyagi

Theology and the Kingdom of God, Wolfhart Pannenberg

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