



# VISION & VOICE

FAITHFUL CITIZENS AND HEALTH CARE

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for change in U.S. health care!**

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# Vision and Voice: Faithful Citizens and Health Care

## Who created the series?

**Vision and Voice** began with the creators of “Our Healthcare Future,” a community dialogue project in which participants explore shared vision and values as common ground for reform. As people of faith, the creators of the dialogue project saw the need for an additional resource that would enable faith communities to explore shared moral values that inform our national conversation about this issue. A Design Team and interfaith Advisory Group were formed and worked collaboratively to create this series.

## Why should faith communities be concerned about U.S. health care?

Since health care is basic to life, people of faith must help move our nation toward a health care system that works for everyone. The recent election and focus on reform provide an important opportunity to state a moral case for change. This resource will not invite communities to rate plans. It will invite people to keep the issue of health care front and center.

## How will this series help my faith community?

The resource will help your community explore a moral case for health care reform. By the end of the session, people will be able to:

- Articulate a faith-inspired case for change in U.S. health care and
- Work with other people of faith to make sure health care is front and center.

## What does the series include?

The series offers all you need to conduct four adult education sessions. The design is flexible. You can use it for sessions of one to two hours in length.

## What is the overall flow of the sessions?

- **Session 1** calls participants to reflect on their experience with United States health care and guides them in hearing the experiences of others.
- **Session 2**, a more reflective session, invites participants to reflect upon a moral case for change in United States health care.
- **Session 3** guides participants to develop, in their own language, a message they can use to raise a faith voice for health care reform.
- **Session 4** leads participants to a deeper understanding of the role of faith communities in social change and invites them to accept this role, as individuals and as communities. Participants also consider next steps they will take.

## How much do materials cost?

Facilitator and participant materials are posted as free, downloadable documents online. A DVD with recorded segments can be ordered at the site. Visit [www.visionandvoice.org](http://www.visionandvoice.org) to place an order.

## Information about the Sessions

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 1</b><br/><b>Claiming Our Vision:</b><br/><b>The Road to Our Health Care Future</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Reflecting upon our personal experiences with U.S. health care and listening to the experiences of others</p> <p><b>Selected Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A description of “dialogue” so that they have a tool to help them talk about things like change in health care. <i>(for sessions longer than one hour)</i></li> <li>▪ An understanding of what success will look like for these sessions so that they can consider the role of individuals and their faith community in health care change.</li> <li>▪ Knowledge of some common gaps in U. S. health care so that they have a more complete picture of U.S. health care.</li> <li>▪ An action they will take before the next session to learn more about faith-based work on health care reform.</li> </ul> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 2</b><br/><b>Claiming Our Vision:</b><br/><b>The Faith Community as Healer</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Exploring faith teachings on our shared responsibility for health care</p> <p><b>Selected Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognition of ways faith communities provide healing by offering health care services.</li> <li>▪ Assessment of how sufficient these healing activities are in meeting the needs of our nation’s health care future.</li> <li>▪ Greater awareness of faith teachings so that they can state a moral case for change in health care.</li> </ul>                                                                                                    |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 3</b><br/><b>Finding a Faith Voice:</b><br/><b>Speaking Up on Faith &amp; Health Care</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Learning to raise a faith voice for change in health care</p> <p><b>Selected Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An introduction to “public conscience work” and the role of the faith community in shaping society’s moral understandings of social injustice</li> <li>▪ An understanding that people of faith have a unique role in communicating a moral message grounded in the teachings of their faith traditions so that they—as individuals and a faith community—can raise this voice in the public arena.</li> <li>▪ A brief personal statement about why people of faith need to be involved in creating change in U.S. health care OR a personal vision statement of the U.S. health care system you envision for the next generation.</li> </ul>          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 4</b><br/><b>Raising Our Vision and Voice</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Putting faith into action – Learning to elevate a moral message that is grounded in faith traditions and supports health care for all.</p> <p><b>Selected Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A letter to candidates or elected leaders sharing a faith-inspired message on the future of U.S. health care.</li> <li>▪ A list of questions for candidates and elected leaders that elevate faith values and point to issues of justice and fairness as we talk about health care.</li> <li>▪ A commitment to next steps as individuals and as faith communities to help lead to change in health care.</li> </ul> |

## Advisory Group and Design Team

An Advisory Group and Design Team worked collaboratively to create this series. Organizations are listed for identification purposes.

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