

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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Life and Dignity of the Human Person: Everyone's living situation should reflect their God-given dignity, from the physical structure to the interpersonal interactions with neighbors and landlords. Housing insecurity threatens physical health, emotional well-being, and self-worth.

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Family, Community, & Participation: Housing challenges destabilizes family life and, by extension, communities and society as a whole. Those most impacted by housing insecurity are best equipped to solve it and should be prioritized in decision-making processes. When people with lived experience of housing insecurity are empowered to lead and work to address their own situations, their human dignity is affirmed.

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Rights & Responsibilities: Everyone has the right to safe, quality, and affordable shelter. To this end, each of the various groups involved (i.e., real estate developers, property owners, landlords, tenants, etc) has to fulfill the specific responsibilities that pertain to them.

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Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable: Our efforts center on those individuals and groups who are most at risk of and affected by housing insecurity, including but not limited to, the hispanic/latino community, immigrants and undocumented people, the elderly, and formerly incarcerated people.

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Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers: Workers deserve a livable wage to afford housing and other basic needs.

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Solidarity: This group unites individuals experiencing housing insecurity with those who are not because our shared Christian values call us to foster unity and collectively address issues of common concern.

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Care for our common home: Environmental crises contribute to housing instability, especially for marginalized communities. On the other hand, the way we build and maintain housing and infrastructure contributes to climate change.