

Here We Stand Declaration

Reached by Consensus of Holy Wisdom Sunday Assembly

As followers of Jesus, we proclaim that we are called to love God and our neighbor as much as we love ourselves (Matt. 22:37-39), to treat the most vulnerable among us as we would treat God (Matt. 25:31-46), and to cherish “the splendor of the flowers of the field” and all creation (Matt. 6:28-29).

Many current government policies stand in opposition to these values and truths. They erect barriers that make it more difficult for us and other people of good will to love our neighbor, support the vulnerable, and cherish the earth’s splendor. Therefore we feel called to stand publicly, humbly and nonviolently with all communities of faith and people of good will in opposition to these policies.

- We object to policies that dismantle our constitutional democracy as well as to policies that undermine Congressionally-funded programs and services providing food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, and care for the earth.
- We reject Christian Nationalism as a dangerous and heretical ideology. It distorts the message of Jesus, and threatens the dignity and freedom of all people.
- We speak up in opposition to government policies that threaten the well-being and dignity of targeted populations and individuals and we stand in solidarity with immigrants, LGBTQ persons, women, and all those who are persecuted because of race or ethnicity.
- We value and care for a healthy and life-giving earth and oppose policies that endanger the well-being of our planet and the living creatures who inhabit it.

We recognize that compassion and care for the vulnerable are central to the beliefs and values of all spiritual traditions. We invite all communities of faith and conscience in the United States to join us in speaking up and resisting policies of our government that violate inherent human dignity and inflict suffering on the most vulnerable, including earth’s plants, animals, water, and air. – April 27, 2025.

— Holy Wisdom Monastery’s mission is “Weaving prayer, hospitality, justice, and care for the earth into a shared way of life.” It is located in Middleton, Wisconsin.