

OCCUPY FAITH STATEMENT

As people from various faith and spiritual communities, we find in the OWS Movement a Waking Force that has dispelled despair, depression, and denial about the gross injustices of society and the suffering of our people.

We stand together for engaged, transforming action that says:

Yes to open democracy, fair justice systems, and public conversations that respect every person's voice in determining the quality and future of our lives. POLIS

Yes to just economic policies that create greater equality and that enable all to share responsibility for a common public good. FINANCE

Yes to a generous society that provides high quality education, affordable housing, adequate income, meaningful work, and universal access to health care. SOCIAL JUSTICE

Yes to strong environmental policies that guard the well-being of the planet we all share. ECOLOGY

Yes to peace among nations based on human rights, compassion for all who suffer, religious liberty, mutual respect, and civil liberties. PEACE

Yes to immigration policies based on hospitality and generosity and respect for the vast diversity of human beings by race, sexuality, class, nationality, ethnicity, physical ability, occupation, gender, and age. LOVE

Yes to the transforming, creative works of human imagination and freedom that enliven our lives together and bring us life-giving joy and laughter. BEAUTY/ART

We are part of this still very new movement because these values have been betrayed by an economic and political elite who have proven indifferent to the common good and their moral obligations to the public welfare.

Their betrayal cannot go unchallenged. We will continue to apply our Waking Forces to grow this movement and its effectiveness. The well-being of the world's people and the delicate balance of earthly life hang in the balance.