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**DOES YOUR
FAITH CALL
YOU TO...**

- ✓ Build a compassionate society?
- ✓ Fight for social justice?
- ✓ Seek peace?
- ✓ Protect the earth?



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WHO WE ARE

The New Democratic Party's Faith and Social Justice Commission is a group of activists whose vision of political and social justice is, at least in part, rooted by their faith.

We are people who find congruence between our politics and the values that underpin our faith, as was the case with some of the founders of the NDP, including Tommy Douglas.

WHO WE ARE NOT

Some have unfairly seized the religious discourse and have used it toward their own ends rather than the common good. That is not our aim.

Many have come to associate religion with intolerance, right-wing ideology, capitalism and even imperialism. This is NOT what we are about.

COME AS YOU ARE

We aim to bring together people from diverse faith and spiritual backgrounds to make Canada a more just and fair country.

MIXING FAITH AND POLITICS AT THE NDP CONVENTION

"Our society is an incredible complexity of languages, cultures and histories. Religion is part of that diversity, and part of the diversity of the NDP. Politics at its best is knitting that diversity together into a common good that includes and serves every citizen, especially those among us who are suffering, because their happiness is the yardstick of the common good."

—James Loney, Christian Peacemaker Team

"In my view, it is not a good thing to have religion caricatured as narrowly focused on only a few issues, or, to have "faith" or "religious argument" come to be seen as inadmissible in public discourse about public policy options. Questions of peace and war, the economy, and the environment are also issues to be informed by faith."

— Bill Blaikie, NDP Member of Parliament



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