

## HOW ADVOCACY IS GOD'S WORK

### Thoughts from the attendees at our 2/1/2022 event

*During our 2/1/2022 Online event, our attendees were asked to think of how they perceive Advocacy as God's Work. Then they were asked to place their thought in the chat. How do YOU perceive Advocacy as God's work? Here are their responses:*

- The great commission
- Fulfilling his commission to help others
- Beloved community as Kingdom of God
- We love because he first loved us
- Supporting all as made in the image of God
- God created the world for humans to be in partnership with God to bring the kingdom to earth. It has always been the work and will continue to be.
- Advocacy is a direct fulfillment of God's word. Do this for the least of these, you do unto me. Feed poor, comfort sick, etc.
- Jesus' message was centered in the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of God will come to the extent that we allow it to through our modeling of the examples of Jesus. We must let this happen!
- Justice ministries as well as mercy ministries
- Providing a vision for the people. Proverbs 29:18 This creates unity not division.
- Sometimes it means we become voters with a Christian voice
- Beyond loving one another, we must love ON one another. Love is action
- Prior to Jesus's great feed He told the disciples 'You give them' which is to us as well.
- To engage advocacy as an act of God's work and discipleship, is to first commit to a broader and deeper understanding of the work of Jesus.
- Considering the societal transformation . . .The first being last and the last being first
- As disciples of Christ, it's part of the calling on our lives to make earth as much like heaven as possible! This means everyone has a seat and a voice at the table
- We cannot fully advocate for those whom we distance ourselves from either.
- If we serve the least of these, we have served Jesus Christ Himself.
- We will be in proximity to the poor--we need to know those who are poor by name



*How do you understand or see how Advocacy is God's Work"? Email us at [ConMin@flumc.org](mailto:ConMin@flumc.org) and let us know!*