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Statement from the Rev. William G. Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, in Support of “A Prayer for a Moral Budget”

As Congress draws closer to approving a budget that pays for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans by making deep cuts in the social services that assist the most vulnerable among us, I send my thanks to the Unitarian Universalist ministers who will join the Rev. Jim Wallis and other religious leaders at the US Capitol on Wednesday, December 14th, to pray for passage of a national budget based on moral values.

Following the 2004 election and the national discussion of moral values, I issued a statement that said, in part: “Moral values grow out of our calling as religious people to work to create the Beloved Community. Moral values instruct us to ‘love our neighbors as ourselves’ and always to ask the question, ‘Who is my neighbor?’ They are fundamentally inclusive rather than exclusive, and they call on generosity of spirit rather than mean spiritedness.” I urge our elected representatives to consider the morality of ignoring the poor to give even more tax cuts to the rich.

Since other duties require me to be in Boston, I am grateful that the Rev. Rob Hardies, Senior Minister at All Soul’s Church in Washington, DC, has agreed to be present on my behalf. I urge all Unitarian Universalists to stand with other people of faith and goodwill in demanding a moral United States budget—a budget that directs resources towards those who need them most.

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