

# Test Your Knowledge of The United Methodist Social Principles

## Basic round (you'll get by in most church settings)

- A. Once adopted by a majority vote the Social Principles are written in stone and never change. True False
- B. All United Methodist members get to vote on the church's Social Principles during their local church Charge Conference held each fall. True False
- C. The Social Principles are not considered "Church Law" True False
- D. The Social Principles say it is OK to say mean things about other people as long as the people don't find out. True False
- E. The Social Principles say that God's plan is for men to rule over women. True False
- F. The Social Principles say tobacco is a natural product that many people enjoy in a variety of ways and we should sell in our churches as a way to support our youth ministry True False
- G. The Social Principles say we believe in treating animals in "humane" ways and the preservation of all species. True False
- H. The Social Principles say marriage is God's plan for everyone, that there's a Mr. or Ms. Right out there for every person. True False
- I. The Social Principles say that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, have a right to have their civil and human rights ensured. True False
- J. The Social Principles say gambling is not a big deal. We should all go out and buy a lottery ticket right now. It's for a good cause. ME STRIKING IT RICH. True False
- K. The Social Principles support adoption as an option and affirm both those who adopt and those who, for whatever reason, choose to allow their child to be adopted. True False
- L. The Social Principles say Christians really cannot do much to address the permissive lifestyles and graphic violence portrayed in the media and we shouldn't waste their time trying. True False
- M. The Social Principles say we may as well forget about hoping for a day when there will be no more wars. It's never going to happen. True False
- N. The Social Principles say if churches really want to draw a crowd they should buy several kegs of beer and throw a party. Then once they are all a little tipsy, pass the offering plate and see how much money you can collect. True False
- O. The Social Principles say organ transplants are not mentioned in the Bible and should not be permitted today. True False
- P. The Social Principles say all employees should be paid a decent wage that lifts them above the poverty line so they don't have to get food stamps to feed their families. True False

### **Better than Basic knowledge (You may ready to teach)**

- Q. The Social Principles say that at the end of life families should do all they can to preserve the life of their loved one. True False
- R. The Social Principles say that it is sometimes OK for the government to mistreat or torture people it holds in its custody. True False
- S. The Social Principles say that in our modern world people should be able, through genetic testing, to determine the gender of their fetus, and then be free to decide if they want to have a boy or girl baby or not. True False
- T. The Social Principles say workers should have the right to organize into unions and, at times, go on strike. They should not be fired if they do so legally. True False
- U. The Social Principles say affirmative action is appropriate for racial and ethnic minorities and women who have suffered and continue to suffer discrimination in our society. True False
- V. The Social Principles say if we have a United Methodist president we ought to have United Methodist prayers said in every local public school and we ought to have every one of those children pray for the health and prosperity of the local United Methodist churches, pastors and Bishop. True False
- W. The Social Principles recommend that all United Methodists purchase “fair trade” certified products if they are available. True False
- X. The Social Principles say migrant workers should not be allowed to receive benefits such as in healthcare because they are not really full members the communities or states in which they live. True False
- Y. The Social Principles say if the laws of a particular state support capitol punishment then Christians ought to support capitol punishment. True False
- Z. The Social Principles say the United Nations is a threat to America’s sovereignty and is probably led by the antichrist. True False

### **“Hot Potato” Round for Extra Stars in your Crown (circle all true answers)**

Bonus #1 The Social Principles says homosexuals

- A. Should not be rejected or condemned by their church
- B. Should never get married
- C. Should have the same basic human and civil rights due other persons
- D. Should be outlawed

Bonus #2 The Social Principles say divorce is:

- A. Always forbidden for Christians
- B. A regrettable alternative in some cases
- C. The unpardonable sin punishable by death (except we don’t believe in the death penalty)
- D. Not a big deal.

Bonus #3 The Social Principles affirm which of the following:

- A. Abortion is a legal right that should be maintained
- B. A belief in the sanctity of unborn human life
- C. Abortion should not be used as a means of birth control

