

Social Values for the Third Millennium

Human Dignity *There exists an intrinsic value, dignity and integrity to the life of every person.*

The Nature of Human Beings *There are two dimensions of a human being, the material and the spiritual.*

Self-Determination *Every person has the right to determine what is important to them and seek opportunities to develop their innate talents to create a meaningful life which likewise respects other people's right to do the same.*

Education *Every individual is entitled to an education which introduces them to the collective knowledge of humanity and the shared way of life of their culture.*

Cultural Development *We should transition from a materialistic culture to a value-oriented culture.*

Humanitarian Ethics *In interpersonal relations have respect for the intrinsic value of others, cultivate compassion for their humanity, and develop the capacity to cooperate with others as equals.*

The Common Good *The aim of society is the well-being of its people, the highest common good.*

Democracy *Belief in a participatory form of government dedicated to the values of freedom, equality, and justice, which functions in a transparent and accountable manner.*

Economic Morality *Establishment of humane business practices that engenders a just economic system.*

Technological Innovation *Advance scientific research and the development of technology that serves humanitarian ends to extend humankind's social, political, and economic capabilities.*

International Diplomacy *Promotion of international understanding and peaceful cooperation in recognition of our mutually shared interdependence as independent nation states.*

Environmental Stewardship *Exercise an ecological sense of responsibility in the management of our global natural resources respectful of all life on land and in the air and water.*