CHRISTIAN INVESTING COUNCIL

CIC Statement on Christian Investing



We rejoice in affirming together the Christian faith as professed in the Nicene Creed.

We believe and affirm that this faith should shape our investing.

The Triune God created and owns all things. Through Christ's work and in the power of the Spirit, the Father is working in and through his church to restore creation's shalom, the state of blessedness he originally designed for it. All that God has entrusted to us is to be managed on his behalf, for his purposes, anticipating Christ's glorious return and creation's full restoration.

God's purposes for our wealth include not only spending to meet the needs of our households and giving to meet the needs of others, but building for the future. As an expression of faithfulness, investing places capital at risk so that it can be used for mutually beneficial economic cooperation to create both financial and non-financial value.

We are assailed by pressures from worldly structures and our own greed, pride and other malformed desires, tempting us to act as ultimate owners rather than stewards. To be a community of faithful stewards, God's people are called to pursue distinctive Christlikeness through scripture, prayer, mindfulness of Christian tradition, and fellowship with one another characterized by honesty, trustworthiness and accountability.

Investing shaped by love, righteousness, wisdom and contentment, seeking to create profit with justice, with special concern for the least of these, is a rightly ordered act of faithful stewardship. Such investing contributes to the flourishing and integral development of human beings, cares for the order of creation, empowers generosity, and expresses neighborly love.

However, some uses of capital dishonor God's purposes, cause harm, demean human dignity, and abuse creation. The Christian community is called to integrity, moral discernment, and action, seeking God's kingdom first as it pursues financial returns.

Recognizing the complexity of investing, the range of investor circumstances, and the variety of legitimate goals faithful Christian investors may seek, we celebrate a growing consensus across the breadth of Christian tradition in favor of meaningful action, along with a diversity of approaches, expressed in three primary ways:

Avoid investments that hinder the integrity of our faith.

Engage opportunities to use our influence as investors for God's purposes.

Embrace investments that align especially well with the shalom God intends for his world.

Within this diversity of approaches, we commit to listening with humility, articulating our own theology with clarity, and seeking mutual edification with love.

Relying upon God's grace by the Holy Spirit, we resolve to invest the wealth we steward to his glory, joining in his work, anticipating Christ's glorious return. We call upon all Christians to do likewise, for the sake of God's kingdom and the good of all people.

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