

The Rev. Jay Lawlor on Faith in the Public Square

The Rev. Jay Lawlor reflects on the role of faith in the public square in addressing issues of social justice.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, US, February 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Rev. Jay Lawlor](#) writes "Karl Barth made famous the advice to preach with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other." The Rev. Lawlor was responding to being asked about the role of clergy and other people of faith speaking out on social issues. He continued by stating "Most of Jesus' ministry was done in the public square. Our calling as Christians is to engage the public issues of our day in working for justice and peace. In so doing we are to love God, love our neighbor, and respect the dignity of every human being."

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When asked about social justice advocacy in such a politically polarized environment, the Rev. Lawlor has no problem being labeled a progressive Christian. The reason, he replies, is "I believe I am just being Christian. I am someone who follows the teachings and example of Jesus. Social justice is at the heart of those teachings and example. It was progressive in Jesus' day and ours."

The Rev. Jay Lawlor blogs regularly and organizes his articles which address social issues on a [Faith in the Public Square](#) page. That page can be found at

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