

# The Rev. Jay Lawlor writing new book on "God's Economics"

*The Rev. Jay Lawlor, Episcopal priest and former Harvard research economist, is working on a new book analyzing the central concern of economics in the Bible.*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, US, March 6, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Rev. Jay Lawlor](https://www.therevjaylawlor.com) has announced

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he is at work on a new book - with the working title of "God's Economics" - to assist in reclaiming a gospel of economic justice. The Rev. Lawlor posted the following statement on his website about the new project:

Economic justice is central to God's calling humanity to reconciliation. Jesus made this clear to his first disciples. The Early Church patterned their community life and ministry after an economic fellowship in stark contrast to economic disparity in the world. Numerous biblical scholars give clear evidence of the witness in advocating for economic justice in both the

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The church today is mostly removed from the economic advocacy of the prophets, Jesus, and the pattern of economic life and advocacy modeled by the early disciples. Christian faith in our culture tends to treat economics as a minor concern of the biblical tradition rather than central to God's activity in the world. When we do reflect on economics it is mostly in relation to supporting outreach efforts for the poor. While outreach is an important response of faith, the biblical testimony goes far beyond helping those in need. Advocacy for a restorative economics — where all share equitably in the economic system — are central to biblical texts.

Jesus not only provided for the immediate needs of those who came to him (outreach), he also preached a gospel of economic justice. This gospel of economic justice was rooted in God's distributive justice championed by the prophets of the Hebrew texts. Justice where a system of economic oppression is replaced by an economy where all have enough.

To assist in reclaiming a gospel of economic justice, I am developing multi-media resources (book, audio, study guide, workshop presentations) titled God's Economics. It is my hope that these resources facilitate conversation and action among faith communities toward a more just economic system in the United States. I will draw on the outstanding work of biblical scholars and theologians as well as my own research and experience as priest and economist. The goal is accessible and practical resources so faith communities can engage toward real economic change for the common good.

Readers can learn more on the God's Economics page at the Rev. Jay Lawlor's website (<https://www.therevjaylawlor.com/missionprojects/gods-economics/>).

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