

I am opposed to HB 3020 which would enshrine a particular religious position rather than supporting the constitutional right all North Dakota residents have to practice the religion of their choice or no religion. This bill promotes a narrow understanding of Christianity which does not reflect the teachings of Jesus. Those who would like to see those teachings elevated should care for the poor, feed the hungry, respect the dignity of all persons (including their right to choose their own spiritual practices), welcome refugees and strangers among us, and practice love in all decision-making. They should not waste time on unconstitutional resolutions. I strongly urge the committee to recommend that this bill not pass.