

AMOS—SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) is a community organizing network composed of forty diverse member organizations--churches (including Walnut Hills), synagogues, neighborhood, and non-profit organizations-- that represent thousands of residents in the Des Moines and Ames communities.

A non-partisan, grass roots community organization, AMOS gets its power through citizens, who work together to research issues raised by the community, bring like-minded groups together to create viable solutions about the issues, and then put pressure on local leaders/decision makers to make changes that benefit our communities.

Current focuses of AMOS include:

- Children's Mental Health Services
- Affordable, Quality Low Income Housing
- Restorative Justice; Juvenile Justice
- Workforce Development
- Leadership Development

AMOS exists because of volunteers. And volunteer roles are varied. One may do research, speak to local officials, write articles for news outlets, brainstorm actions with a team of like-minded individuals, attend a day at the Capitol and talk to local legislators, address postcards to create awareness on issues of importance and much more. **There is a role for anyone who has an interest in social justice-in creating systemic change.**

Walnut Hills has three vision themes: interfaith, spirituality and **social justice**. AMOS is a way for us to live our vision.

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