

Churches are not allowed to support political candidates. However, we are allowed to speak to issues. The pastors of the congregation wish to take a moment to speak to issues 2 & 3 regarding the legalization of marijuana in Ohio.

The United Methodist church has taken a stand against the legalization of marijuana. As this pertains to issues 2 and 3, we would encourage you to vote “Yes” on issue 2 and “No” on issue 3.

A “Yes” on Issue 2 limits a monopoly on Marijuana growers.
A “No” on Issue 3 does not allow the legalization of Marijuana.

If issue 3 passes, every adult over 21 could legally possess over ½ pound of marijuana, or about 500 average-sized joints. It would also allow for every home to raise a limited amount of plants in their homes.

Furthermore, it allows up to 1,159 retail marijuana stores, that’s more locations than Starbucks and McDonalds. It is nearly 3 times the number of state liquor stores.

Marijuana puts unborn and living children at risk. It makes our highways more dangerous. And Marijuana use is known to lead to other drug use.

All across Ohio groups are calling for the defeat of Issue 3. This includes:

- Both Democrat and Republican elected officials
- Children’s health advocates
- Hospitals
- Doctors
- Addiction Counselors
- Faith leaders
- Mental Health professionals
- Parents
- Educators
- Law enforcement officials
- Farmers
- Chamber of commerce and leading business groups

As pastors, we urge your “Yes” vote on Issue 2 (limiting monopolies) and your “No” vote on Issue 3 (against the legalization of marijuana).