

# THIS SITE WILL HAVE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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You may find the links below useful as we try to discern the truth from the garble. **All below links have information related to the healthcare reform issue but the first link also has other topics** which may also be of interest.

1. **Truth-O-Meter** <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/> This site was used a lot during the presidential election and it is good to see that it is still up and running on many issues. On the right side is a list of that you can use to search.
2. Link to **PDF of HEALTHCARE REFORM BILL H. R. 3200**  
[http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press\\_111/20090714/aahca.pdf](http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090714/aahca.pdf)
3. Those of us concerned about the issue of health care reform are trying to get to the truth about the best solution but we often hear sound bytes which are not necessarily based in fact.

It is important for each of us to remember that this is still an important work in progress. We need to seek as much information as possible and sort out the hype from reality. You may find the following interesting.

**On August 24, Terry Gross interviewed T.R. Reid. The link below is to the transcript of that interview.**

**Reid says we can bring about fundamental change by borrowing ideas from foreign models of health care. His conclusion comes from personal experience. He spent years as a foreign correspondent for the Washington Post and lived with his family in three continents.**

For his new book, he went on a global quest, searching for solutions to two health care problems: the first, our nation's health care system; the second, his bad shoulder

He took his shoulder to doctors around the world, seeking alternatives to the risky surgery that was recommended for him the U.S. T.R. Reid's new book is called *"The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care."*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=112172939>

4. **On Wednesday, August 19th, President Obama joined people of faith from across the country for a national discussion and call to action on healthcare.** This discussion has some ideas of what some congregations are doing on this issue. Click on the link to replay this discussion.  
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/40mins4health>

The link mentioned in the above discussion is: <http://faithforhealth.org/>