The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church can be found as part of **The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church** which is about 900 pages long and governs the law and polity of the denomination.

The Social Principles cover about 50 pages.

It is presented in the context of **The Social Creed**, also in the Book of Discipline, but the Creed is only 2 pages.

The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church is a separate book and provides a collection of all current and official policies and other resolutions adopted by the General Conference. It also contains the Social Principles and Social Creed in its approximately 900 pages.

Link to the Cokesbury site with the free Disciplines and Resolutions

https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions?srsltid=AfmBOor0o3icg-cqgL8LpgzagyTLW6VVpG54Vf8FDQs4_ksqFy4CTnWj

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE *BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS?*

The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, 2020/2024, published by The United Methodist Publishing House, collects in one volume all current and official social policies and other resolutions adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. These resolutions are:

- *Official policy statements* for guiding all the work and ministry of The United Methodist Church on approximately 200 subjects;
- *Educational resources* for The United Methodist Church on important issues affecting the lives of people and all God's creation;
- *Guides* and models for helping United Methodist members and groups relate a lively biblical faith to action in daily life;
- *Resource materials* for persons preparing public statements about United Methodist concerns on current social issues.

The *Book of Resolutions, 2020/2024* is primarily a reference tool for church members and leaders. It is not a book that you will sit down to read from cover to cover.

You might not get acquainted with these resolutions until you are in the midst of some controversy in your congregation, or something happens regarding a particular subject in your community (or state, or nation). You may find that your denomination's policies give you more "food for thought." Maybe you will agree with the denomination's position. On the other hand, you may disagree. Individuals or groups in the congregation can seek to change policy with which they disagree by petitioning the General Conference to amend, replace, or delete resolutions.