As planning professionals or as concerned citizens, we face a moral choice:

Do we remain quiet about actions and policies that are socially unjust?

Or do we join together to work for social change?

Planners Network
The Organization of Progressive Planning
For more than 30 years, Planners Network has been a voice for progressive professionals and activists concerned with urban planning and social justice. PN members have a wide range of interests — including environmental justice, community economic development, housing, and globalization. And they come from a variety of backgrounds — community organizers, social justice activists, professional planners, academics, and students. But what all PN’ers have in common is a commitment to work toward greater equity and fundamental change in how decisions are made in our global society.

There is a constant need for progressives to work together and speak out against forces that increase the injustices and inequalities in our world. PN members receive the quarterly Progressive Planning magazine, stay updated with monthly E-newsletters, network online, and take part in regular conferences. Youth and adults can become part of Young Planners Network (YPN), to strengthen the participation of young people in planning.

Joining PN offers opportunities to connect with an international community of progressive planning practitioners and advocates that support each other through discussion, collaboration, and solidarity.

**Progressive Planning Magazine**
PN’s quarterly magazine provides provocative analysis, innovative ideas, and a forum for controversial policy questions neglected in mainstream planning circles. Articles analyze urban policy, community-based planning, the global environment, economic development, transportation equity, race and gender issues, and more. The magazine’s best articles are collected in the Planners Network Reader, which is a useful tool for classes.

**Student Disorientation Guide**
PN’s Student Disorientation Guide, compiled by a team of students and activists, reflects many of the issues and challenges that would-be planners will encounter in the field. Along with articles that challenge current planning and educational paradigms, the guide contains ideas for events and activities. Students and professors are encouraged to distribute copies of the Disorientation Guide at student orientations and meetings.

**Planners Network Conferences**
PN conferences bring together planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, designers, students, and faculty from across the world to address social, economic, and environmental justice strategies. The events combine panels with participatory workshops, field visits, and exchanges with local communities. Recent conferences have been held in Winnipeg, New Orleans, Chicago, and New York. In addition, at Young Planners Network conferences youth and adults share strategies for increasing youth participation in planning.

**Planners Network E-Newsletters**
Each monthly issue of the PN E-newsletter includes member and chapter updates, publications of interest, upcoming events, awards, online resources, and job postings.

**PlannersNetwork.org**
Our website offers information on PN chapters and members, current and archived editions of Progressive Planning, materials from past conferences, and an array of articles and case studies.