

# HOLY NATION

**ISSUE: ECONOMIC- Jesus and Holy Scripture versus the State of Vermont**

**It is written: "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future" -Jeremiah 29:11**

**ACCUSATION: The State of Vermont is plundering the wealth of the inhabitants and creating an unsustainable economy. It is constantly expanding with programs requiring taxation to fund. Vermonters are interested in a way of life where money is not king.**

Words verbatim from Governor Douglas: State of the State: "For all the quality of life we enjoy, a lifetime in Vermont is becoming financially out of reach for middle and low-income residents, many of whom are native Vermonters whose families go back generations." ... "But since Act 60 undermined that [local] control, property taxes have spun out of control." - Rutland Herald January 6, 2006

**A Bittersweet look at a vanishing Vermont**, "In the course of preparing the book, Miller traveled around the Green Mountain State and recorded 23 Vermonters and how they cope with living in one of the most expensive, and most taxed states in the Union." -Lou Varricchio, *The Vermont Eagle*, 2-17-18

The legislation will raise Vermont's minimum wage from **\$8.73 an hour, already almost a dollar above the federal minimum, to \$9.60 in 2016, \$10 in 2017 and \$10.50 in 2018**. Beginning in 2019, the minimum wage will be indexed to inflation.

However, reality by a Vermont source calculated for a single parent with children a child to be in excess of \$21.00/hour. (*Bright Futures Child Care Information System*)

The opioid epidemic in Vermont has great neative effect on economics and families: 06/18/18 **Vermont Business Magazine** Senator Patrick Leahy welcomed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Monday announcement that Vermont will receive an allocation of \$4 million in fiscal year 2018 to fight the opioid epidemic across the state. The funding, a significant increase over past years, is part of a new State Opioid Response Grant program created as part of the Leahy -negotiated 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act signed into law this spring. Vermont's \$4 million grant is a direct result of language that Leahy fought for in the bill guaranteeing each state at least \$4 million to fight this deadly crisis.

Communism\_ A system of social organization in which goods are held in common, the opposite of the system of private property. ... A system by which the state controls means of production and the distribution and consumption of industrial products. -Black's Law Dictionary, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (A nexus of legal license controlled by the state is also required.)

