

Background on the Senator-elect's statements, positions, and record on diplomacy, international assistance, and U.S. international affairs programs.

A fifth-generation Kansan and founding senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Senator-Elect Adam Hamilton has spoken about the importance of America's moral leadership and regularly stresses a centrist and bipartisan approach to policymaking. Drawing on more than three decades as a pastor, he has spoken of his commitment to **"Leading and moving people to serve their community to make the world a better place."**

Hamilton co-founded the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, in 1990, from which it grew to become one of the largest United Methodist congregations in the U.S. with roughly 24,000 members.

ON U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD:

- Hamilton stated in his campaign platform that "global instability is hurting Kansas but so have many of our own government's choices – the war in Iran, the trade war, a farm bill three years late, and an inadequate response to animal-health crises like Avian Influenza and the New World Screwworm."
- On bipartisanship and global leadership, he has called for "lowering the partisan temperature, bringing Republicans and Democrats together, and showing a unified face to a global economy that looks to America for leadership."
- His experience includes extensive humanitarian and development work overseas, and he has praised his congregation for being "relentless in serving people in extreme poverty in other parts of the world."
- He has led multiple overseas trips to Malawi, Honduras, Israel and the West Bank, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia.

ON DIPLOMACY AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY:

- In a September 2026 interview, Hamilton stated that "war is a measure of last resort" adding that "if you believe in just war, which I do, war is something that you enter into either to defend yourself or to defend somebody else, or because there's… a very serious and real imminent danger."
- In an October 2026 candidate statement on the Iran war, he said, "I want to get us out of this war, use diplomacy to make sure Iran never gets a nuclear weapon, and keep us out of unnecessary forever wars."

ON U.S. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

- On the campaign trail, Hamilton has referenced his experience volunteering in "countries where USAID was important." He has led multiple overseas trips to Malawi, Honduras, Israel and the West Bank, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia.
- In a February 2026 message to his congregation, he lifted up the importance of faith-based international assistance and how his church's projects had established "schools, medical clinics, agricultural projects" overseas and provided clean drinking water to "216 villages in Malawi and South Central Africa."

- Hamilton's church has been active in meeting needs and partnering with communities overseas, including Turkey-Syria earthquake relief, displaced place people in Ukraine, cholera assistance in Malawi, and UNICEF-supported work for refugee children in Lebanon.

ON GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY:

- In an August 2026 podcast, Hamilton highlighted how U.S. international assistance "was purchasing 3 to 5% of Kansas grain… sharing it with other countries" and that disruptions to USAID "was not good for Kansas… and it wasn't good for those other countries."
- At the Aspen Ideas Festival, he drew attention to the reality that "somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 children die every day of starvation and malnutrition-related diseases… but the problem isn't there's not enough food on the planet, it's distribution, and that's us, and so, you know, we're meant to be motivated to care about those things."
- In his 2026 campaign platform, he has written that "with the New World Screwworm now detected in cattle in Texas… Congress must fully fund the animal disease vaccine bank, laboratory network, and preparedness programs."

ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT:

- In his campaign platform, Hamilton has called for policymakers to "double funding for USDA's export promotion programs" which he says is "an investment economists project would generate more than $44 billion in new agricultural exports, much of it Kansas wheat, sorghum, and beef." He adds that "Congress should re-engage in trade policy and push for new market access agreements."
- In an October 2026 interview, he argued that tariffs should be used only "strategically" and that "originally Congress was supposed to handle almost every tariff."

ON RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE:

- Hamilton has stated that he "support[s] the Ukrainians being able to defend themselves" and has argued that Ukrainians "are not the reason we have record diesel prices."
- Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, he traveled to Poland to meet Ukrainian refugees and assess humanitarian needs. He wrote in a note to his congregation, "As we spoke with the refugees, I shared with them photos of the signs my mom has in her yard, with the colors of the Ukrainian flags, inviting people to pray for Ukraine."
- In an October 2026 candidate statement, Hamilton said, "I've been to Ukraine, and after the invasion I went to the Polish border to ask Ukrainians who had fled what they needed most. Our congregation provided a mobile emergency room to treat the wounded."

ON CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

- In an October 2026 statement to the Johnson County Post, Hamilton said success in Iran would mean "Iran never gets a nuclear weapon, the Strait of Hormuz is open so oil and fertilizer can move again, and our service members come home safely. Getting there will take diplomacy and our allies, not an open-ended war."
- During an October 2026 Senate debate, Hamilton affirmed, "I believe in providing a strong defense for Israel. They are our allies. But I also don't believe [in] using our aid to buy our weapons, and then dropping them on innocent civilians."
- In a July 2025 message to his congregation, Hamilton wrote, "I am for doing whatever must be done to ensure food aid is being received by those who need it in Gaza, and for seeing that people are not starving to death."