

## **POVERTY**



# PC(USA) Additional Resources

### **Worship and Spiritual Practice**

- Study together the Accra Confession, adopted by World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) 24th General Council in Accra, Ghana (2004), including the PC(USA). This confession is based on the theological conviction that the economic and environmental injustices of today's global economy require the Reformed family to respond as a matter of faith (pcusa. org/accra).
- Study and discuss the theological and confessional foundations of PC(USA) policies on Economic Justice (presbyterianmission.org/acswp/topics).
- Watch recorded theological conversations about poverty: "Everyday God-Talk" series episodes with Joerg Rieger (youtu.be/wkNXkHh6muQ) and Rebecca Barnes (youtu.be/G8h8\_2tpmQE), as well as One Great Hour of Sharing programs (youtube.com/play-list?list=PLrioBAQxIZ1CgkXBAmu7-ok6DHzI4LjOC).
- Journey with the devotional, "30 Days with the Belhar Confession," to tackle poverty and racism as part of our faith (pcusastore.com/belhar-study).
- Engage the "Race and Reconciliation Workbook: The Confession of 1967 and the Belhar Confession" (pcusastore.com/67-and-Belhar).
- Use a Matthew 25 study guide (pcusa.org/Matthew 25-into-focus).
- Note and discuss with your worship team the added rubrics in the latest Book of Common Worship: "The presider and elders or deacons prepare the table. The people's offerings, which may include food for people who are hungry, are brought to the table."

#### Learn

- Find multiple online video resources and articles to learn about poverty and its intersectional issues at the Unbound online journal and JustTalk Live series (justiceunbound.org).
- Host a film viewing and discussion with a small group or watch on your own. Most of the films from the Story Ministry Documentary Film Screenings have many ways to relate a discussion on poverty and intersectional causes (pcusa.org/storyproductions).

- Listen to the Matter of Faith podcast from Unbound and the Peacemaking Program, particularly episodes 4, 5 and 22 (amatteroffaith.buzzsprout.com).
- Faith in Action study guides help congregations grapple with issues of economic justice, sustainable development and addressing root causes of poverty (pcusa.org/faithinaction).
- Call your presbytery office to see if they have a copy of "the Africa game" focused on children's educational challenges in Africa. The large board game is suitable for ages 8 and up and takes about 45 minutes to play in a group. Copies can also be accessed from World Mission's Africa Office at 800-728-7228, ext. 5031 (presbyterianmission.org/story/helping-africas-children-pns).

#### **Connect and Relate**

- Learn from reading mission co-worker letters, inviting mission co-workers to present in your congregation, and following global poverty ministries (pcusa.org/ missionconnections).
- Be present with impacted communities in a way that is sensitive, caring, and responsive to local needs, through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pcusa.org/ pdavolunteersites).
- As you seek to be a welcoming place for refugees and asylum seekers, do background reading and prepare yourselves with resources (pcusa.org/pda/refugee).
- Read stories of global communities and how they are addressing poverty in the Fall 2021 Mission Crossroads, "Matthew 25: Eradicating Systemic Poverty Together" (pcusa.org/missioncrossroads).

#### Share

- Centsability is a way local congregations or mid councils can collect funds for hunger ministry in their own area or through PC(USA) (pcusa.org/centsability).
- Offer the congregation's time, skill sharing and building space with and for community groups.
- Learn about and participate in sharing resources as a form of reparation (presbyterianmission.org/studyguidereparations).