



Engaging Spiritual Practices for eradicating systemic poverty

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

- Use denominational resources to explore root causes of poverty, hunger and homelessness on Self-Development of People Sunday (March; pcusa.org/sdopsunday) or on Hunger and Homelessness Sunday (November; pcusa.org/homelessness) or another time throughout the year.
- Incorporate resources from the Book of Confessions, Book of Order, Book of Common Worship and the Glory to God hymnal (pcusa.org/on-poverty) or from the Accra Confession (pcusa.org/accra) into worship and liturgy.
- Draw ideas from the Poverty and Liturgy issue of “Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts” 54.3 (2020) at pcusa.org/poverty-liturgy, including
 - ♦ “On Liturgy: Responding to Poverty according to the Liturgical Narrative,” by Kendra Buckwalter Smith.
 - ♦ “On Music: Privilege, Poverty and Musical Practice,” by Phillip Morgan.
 - ♦ “On Preaching: Blessed Are the Poor ... in Spirit?” by Buz Wilcoxon.
 - ♦ “On the Arts: Poverty and Liturgy,” by Lauren Wright Pittman.

Check with your POINT representative or presbytery resource center to find a copy of the issue. Subscribe to “Call to Worship,” in print: pcusastore.com/call-to-worship-book, or download: pcusastore.com/call-to-worship-download.

LEARN

- Join the Hunger Action Congregation (pcusa.org/hac) program to engage your church in six areas of church life to end hunger and address its root causes (pcusa.org/endlunger).
- Personally or with a small group, use the Study and Devotional Guide created by the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations that explores the globally recognized Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (pcusa.org/sustainable-development-goals).

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- Explore the poverty section of the Commitment to Peacemaking Companion Guide to focus a year of church-life on poverty (presbyterianmission.org/companionguide).

CONNECT & RELATE

- Explore how to relate well to local partners, and prepare yourself for relationships and mission projects using the “Called as Partners: Serving Together in God’s Mission International Partnership Manual” and mission toolkits (pcusa.org/partnershipmanual, presbyterianmission.org/mission-toolkits).
- Use Core Principles (pcusa.org/povertyprinciples) and Assessment Questions (pcusa.org/povertyworkassessment) to help guide and evaluate our work to end poverty.
- Pray for, learn about and get connected to our highlighted Matthew 25 domestic and global partners who are working to eradicate systemic poverty:
 - ♦ Domestic partners
 - Poor People’s Campaign
 - Coalition of Immokalee Workers
 - Jubilee USA
 - ♦ Global partners
 - Pacific Conference of Churches
 - CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America)
 - Middle East Council of Churches
 - RELUFA (Reseau De Lutte Contre La Faim, Cameroon)
 - PRODEK (Programme de Développement Est Kasai, Congo)



PC(USA) Curated Resources

ACT

- Learn about the model of Congregation Based Community Organizing, hear inspiring stories and connect to possible CBCOs in your area (pcusa.org/hunger/cbco).
- Use the Holy Discernment toolkit at pcusa.org/holydiscernment from the Office of Public Witness (pcusa.org/washington) to explore the biblical roots for our public policy advocacy and engagement in the public square and to learn about Ecumenical Advocacy Days and other advocacy training workshops. Sign up for action alerts that you can take individually and/or share with your congregation at votervoices.net/pcusa/home.
- Follow the Educate a Child Toolkit practical tools and starting points for congregations to begin direct service and advocacy for education. Designed to start or amend education-oriented ministry or education advocacy, this toolkit can be used online or downloaded at presbyterianmission.org/child/toolkit.

SHARE

- Connect to and support directly one of our grantee partners through looking at the OGHS map to find a group you may wish to learn more about and support (specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs) and/or give to global initiatives on poverty alleviation (presbyterianmission.org/donate/e052143).
- Consider how you can practice Mission Responsibility Through Investment with your own congregation's investments, and to see what kinds of social and sustainability screens are recommended when considering our investments (pcusa.org/mrti).
- Share your volunteer time and/or your building space with community organizations
- Consider what reparations might look like in your area (presbyterianmission.org/resource/report-task-force-reparations).

To find PC(USA) speakers, preachers, workshop leaders or conveners of conversations relating to any of these pathways, please contact the following staff who will connect you with someone who can be a resource for your interest area:

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