



Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 1 Targets:

- 1.1) By 2030, **eradicate extreme poverty** for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day.
- 1.2) By 2030, **reduce at least by half the proportion** of men, women and children of all ages **living in poverty** in all its dimensions according to national definitions.
- 1.3) **Implement** nationally appropriate **social protection systems** and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.
- 1.4) By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have **equal rights to economic resources**, as well as **access to basic services, ownership and control over land** and other forms of **property**, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.
- 1.5) By 2030, **build the resilience of the poor** and those in vulnerable situations and **reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events** and other economic, social and environmental shocks and **disasters**.
- 1.a) Ensure significant **mobilization of resources** from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation, in order to **provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries**, in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions.
- 1.b) Create **sound policy frameworks** at the national, regional and international levels, based on **pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies**, to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication actions.

See further resources on goal 1 and poverty on page 4.

Take action toward achieving goal 1

Take action locally:

- **Congregational actions:** *Engage members of your congregation in action either through volunteering, advocacy, exercises, or wider congregational changes.*
 - **Organize a volunteer trip or hold a fundraiser of goods (ie clothing, food, supplies) or funds for your local homeless shelter.**
 - Call your local shelter first to discern their greatest needs using U.S. listings [here](#) and Canadian listings [here](#).
 - **Try a social class exercise** at your congregation with a discussion to follow to spark dialogue about economic privilege and its intersections with race, education, gender, and sexuality.
 - Try holding a [privilege circle](#) or a [privilege beads](#) exercise.
 - Try this [Class Background Inventory](#).
 - **Take on the “Escalating Inequality” Congregational Study/Action Issue** nominated in Providence, RI for GA 2014.
 - **Check out this [UUA Study Guide](#)** on working to end extreme poverty, and form a taskforce to brainstorm ways to engage your congregation in action.
 - **Check out this [list of ways](#) that classism can be prevalent in a UU setting.** How may these occur in your congregation, and what steps can you take to address them?
 - **Check out [this article](#) on the prevalence of classism in the annual Water Communion ceremony,** and consider taking action to eliminate these biases while planning this year’s service.
 - **Hold a commemoration of the [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)** at your congregation on or around **October 17th**. Consider dedicating time during or after the service to reading suggested [words for worship related to poverty](#) from the UUA.
- **Petitions:** *Sign the following petitions advocating for a fair living wage for workers in the U.S. and Canada. Collect signatures at your congregation by book a table during coffee hour.*
 - **Advocate for legislation to raise the minimum wage** to \$10.10 per hour. Call the Senate at **(866) 204-2557** and ask them to raise the minimum wage.
 - See other ideas for action from the UUA [here](#).
 - **Sign the UUSC’s [Minimum Wage Statement](#),** to stand in solidarity with minimum wage workers and to urge the U.S. government to raise the federal minimum wage to a living wage.
 - **Tell McDonald’s that their fast food workers deserve \$15 per hour [here](#)** via Fight for \$15.
 - Join the Fight for 15 in British Columbia [here](#).
- **Films for screening:** *Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on poverty in the U.S. and Canada at your congregation.*
 - **[The Line](#):** A documentary telling the story of people living at or below the poverty line in the U.S. Check out these resources for hosting a screening:
 - [Tips for hosting a film screening](#)
 - [Film discussion guide](#)
 - [Panel discussion video and other film screening resources](#)

- [**Poor No More**](#): A documentary on poverty in Canada, comparing Canada's systems of social security with those in Ireland and Sweden.
 - [**Poor Kids**](#): A *Frontline* special documenting poverty in the US through the eyes of children.
 - [**Poverty in Chicago**](#): A documentary following the regular hardship of living homeless--in the face of rampant drug crime--in the city of Chicago.
- **Book club reads**: *Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on poverty in the U.S. and Canada.*
 - [**So Rich, So Poor: Why it's so hard to end Poverty in America**](#)- Peter Edelman's analysis of the state of poverty in the United States and a proposal of solutions to address it.
 - [**Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America**](#)- Jonathan Kozol's record of the experiences of homeless people in America and a commentary on the intersections of race, poverty, and education.
 - [**Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City**](#)- Matthew Desmond (Harvard University, Sociology) tells the story of eight families in the poorest neighborhoods in Milwaukee and their struggle to keep their homes.
- **NGOs working toward the cause**: *Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working to reduce poverty in the U.S. and Canada.*
 - [**Coalition for the Homeless**](#): A National homelessness advocacy NGO that, among other work, aims to reduce poverty through [job trainings](#) for homeless citizens to help them re-enter the workforce.
 - [**UU Service Committee's Economic Justice Program**](#): A program that mobilizes UUs in the fight against poverty by advocating for worker's rights and a living wage for workers.
 - [**Street Sense**](#): A Washington, D.C.-based newspaper that empowers and employs members of the homeless community and raises awareness of homelessness by featuring articles written by members of DC's homeless community.

Take action internationally:

- **Petitions**: *Sign the following petitions advocating for ethical wages for workers across the globe. Collect signatures at your congregation by book a table during coffee hour.*
 - [**Clean Clothes Campaign's petition for a fair wage for all garment workers in Asia here.**](#)
 - [**Join the UUSC's "Who Made My Clothes" campaign**](#) by calling out your favorite large clothing brands on social media. Using the hashtag [#whomademyclothes](#), ask them how the workers manufacturing your clothing are paid and treated.
- **Films for screening**: *Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on poverty across the world at your congregation.*
 - [**The Dark Side of Chocolate**](#)- A documentary that follows child trafficking and slavery in the international chocolate industry.
 - [**PBS Why Poverty Series**](#)- Hour-long episodes of this documentary tv series show the lives of those living in poverty across the world, the causes of a vicious cycle of poverty, and potential solutions.
 - [**The End of Poverty?**](#)- A documentary that explores the political causes of global poverty and international inequalities between developed and developing nations.

- See this [to-do list](#) for holding a screening of this, or any other film in your congregation or town.
- **Book club reads:** *Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on poverty across the world.*
 - [Portfolios of the Poor: How the World's Poor Live on \\$2 a Day](#)- Collins et al.'s look at the financial practices of members of some of the poorest communities in the world, as they make ends meet on only \$2 a day.
 - [Slaves to Fashion: Poverty and Abuse in the New Sweatshops](#)- Robert J.S. Ross examines at poverty and poor working conditions for sweatshop workers across our globalized world.
 - [Ethical Chic](#)- Fran Hawthorne explores the business practices and treatment of workers in 6 popular multinational corporations.
- **NGOs working toward the cause:** *Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working to reduce poverty across the world.*
 - [Oxfam International](#): An international coalition of 18 organizations working to empower poor communities with the resources and advocacy skills to lift themselves out of poverty.
 - [International Labour Rights Forum](#): An international NGO that works with trade unions and community groups to hold large corporations responsible for the fair payment and treatment of their workers across the globe.
 - [The UU Holdeen India Program](#): Part of the UUA's International Resources Office, this program partners with grassroots organizations in India that work to improve human rights, development, and social and economic empowerment.
 - [One Acre Fund](#): An NGO that works toward bring rural farmers out of poverty through farm supply financing, agricultural training, and harvest sale and profit maximization training.
 - [World Concern](#): An international NGO that aims to reduce poverty through education programs, microloans, and [vocational training workshops](#) in Cambodia, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Sudan, and Laos.

Further resources on goal 1 and poverty: Learn more about goal 1 below, and consider passing these on to other members of your congregation.

- [Goal 1 targets and related publications](#) on poverty and elimination strategies.
- [Goal 1 Fact Sheet](#): Learn more about where we stand and strategies previously proven effective in the fight toward eliminating poverty worldwide.
- [UN facts and figures](#) on Goal 1 and the state of poverty worldwide.
- [Global Goals images](#) relating to Goal 1: Pass these around at your congregation to raise awareness of the first goal!
- [UU-UNO 2006 Spring Seminar Statement on Poverty](#) and the recommendations to the UN to address it on a global scale.