



Hunger Action

In the National Capital Presbytery

I will gladly visit your church to teach and share resources!

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Making Poverty History: Dramas, Simulations and Worship Resources on the Millennium Development Goals

Making Poverty History, a 28-page booklet produced by the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Church World Service, is a collection of simulations, skits and worship activities on hunger and poverty. Activities relate to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG): Hunger and Poverty, Education, Health, Environment/Water and Partners in Development. Each section contains facts on the MDG theme, a story addressing the theme and assorted interactive ways to engage people on that theme. **The MDGs will be the focus of the Bread for the World 2009 Offering of Letters.** Download the booklet at www.pcusa.org/hunger/resources.htm or order, \$1.00, PDS# 74360-07-364

Upcoming Hunger-Related Dates:

Saturday October 18 - The NCP Hunger Team invites Presbyterians to attend a roundtable forum "Reducing DC Poverty" at New York Ave. PC, 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

- **September 1-30** - September is "[Hunger Action Month](#)," proclaims [America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network](#), and here are [Suggestions on ways to be involved](#)
- **Bread for the World Sunday is October 19 or other convenient Sunday in the fall.** Contact me or www.bread.org for resources
- **October 12-19 - Trade Week of Action - [Worship Resources and other resources for churches](#).** Make plans to celebrate World Food Day (October 16); International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17); United Nations Day (October 24).
- **October 17-19**, local [Stand Against Poverty](#) events!

September Advocacy Opportunities

The Congress is expected to return from summer recess for a three-week session **September 8-26**. Please make a few quick calls to urge our representatives to fight hunger and poverty:

A "**Second Stimulus Supplemental Appropriations Bill**," more fully targeting assistance to low-income people (than did February's tax rebates), given rising unemployment and other economic warning signs. WIC and other emergency food aid programs need investment, in the face of simultaneously occurring higher food prices and greater need ([read details on what is needed](#)). **Immediate Request:** Call Congress (Capitol Switchboard Number: 202-224-3121)! Ask our Senators and your Representative (3 calls) to pass an economic recovery package, which will benefit the economically most vulnerable people of our nation!

The "**Jubilee Act**" for debt relief for impoverished nations, will allow developing nations to better provide for anti-poverty programs in their own nations (S.2166). The Jubilee Act has passed the House of Representatives. This needs to happen in the Senate. Additional [co-sponsors](#) will help, and Senators from MD and VA are not yet co-sponsors: [Please call our Senators \(suggested script\)](#). After this call, information on additional advocacy that you can do to stop the potentially hurtful effects of debt on poor countries (HR6796, the Stop the Vulture Funds Act) can be found [here](#).

September 10-16: Check out the excellent resources from [Fighting Poverty with Faith: A Week of Action](#)