

# Resources for Learning about the Millennium Development Goals

## *Including materials for use with children & youth*

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. [...] Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” *Matthew 25:35-36, 40b*

## Engage Children & Youth with the MDGs

### Development and the Next Generation

With 1.5 billion of the population between the ages of 12 and 24 (The Millennial Generation is born between 1982-2001) around the world, youth represent a tremendous opportunity to accelerate economic growth and reduce poverty worldwide. *Youthink!* readers and young people from around the world submitted ideas and recommendations, many of which were included in the highly influential *World Development Report 2007* entitled *Development and the Next Generation*.

<http://www.youthink.worldbank.org/>

They don't need to be sold on the MDGs and global reconciliation ... they're already there. What the Church needs to be doing is what it should be doing in all aspects of its life -- giving this highly creative generation power, responsibility and resources to do mission.

### Here are some ideas:

- Take a portion (or even all) of the minimum of 0.7% of your congregation's budget that is going toward the MDGs and let the Millennials (children, youth and young adults) decide where to spend it. Let them do the research, the vetting, the praying, the dreaming. Then have them do follow-up on what happens with it and report back to the rest of the congregation.
- Give Millennials 2 or 3 preaching slots a year to talk about where Christ is moving in their lives and where they see God calling us to be active in the world.
- Have the youth group design a "MDG fair" for the rest of the congregation... with activities to illustrate each MDG.
- Have children and youth do a "YouTube scavenger hunt" -- finding as many videos as they can that deal with global poverty and the MDGs
- Let the Millennials in your congregation design a global mission page for your church website (and you might want to let them redesign the whole site!)
- Pass out white paper plates and red dot stickers (one per person). Stick the sticker on the plate with instructions to draw a circle on the plate every time they passed easily obtainable food and water.
- Fill a clear bowl with 1,500 marbles, glass stones or other small objects. OR build a cross out of 1,500 popsicle sticks. Each stick or stone represents a child who will die of a preventable, treatable cause during an average Sunday Eucharist.

**Designing a Church School curriculum:** *Becky Lee of St. James Episcopal Church in Glastonbury, CT* was contemplating how to introduce the subject of the MDGs to her local church education program. She turned to Cornerstones Publishing and found several workshops that could be used for the MDG rotation. She decided to use the Where in the World lesson from the Feeding the 5000 unit in the Witness to God's Presence Year of curriculum. It is interactive and works with all ages, exploring the unequal distribution of resources in the world and how our faith calls us to take care of those in need. She worked with Cornerstones to develop an Episcopalian version of this lesson. It can be purchased online at [www.cstones.com](http://www.cstones.com) for \$15.

## **General Resources for Congregational Study:**

Alkire, Sabina, Edmund Newell, Ann Barham, Chloe Breyer and Ian Douglas, editors. *What Can One Person Do? Faith to Heal a Broken World* (2005: Church Publishing)\*

Barrs, David and Maura Julfkins. *Intermediate School Kit on the United Nations* (1995: United Nations Publications)\*

Barrs, David and Maura Julfkins. *Primary School Kit on the United Nations* (1995: United Nations Publications)\*

Barrs, David and Maura Julfkins. *Secondary School Kit on the United Nations* (1995: United Nations Publications)\*

*Build a Better World I, Build a Better World II* and *Build a Better World: Africa* are magazines for children to learn about other parts of the world and their struggles for a better life.\*  
[www.churchworldservice.com/](http://www.churchworldservice.com/)

Douglas, Ian T., editor *Waging Reconciliation: God's Mission in a Time of Globalization and Crisis* (2002: Church Publishing) ISBN: 0-8986-9378-0\*

Global Youth Action Network. *Only With Your Voice: Millennium Development Goals Youth Action Guide* (2006: The Millennium Campaign)\* [www.millenniumcampaign.org/youth](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org/youth)

*God's Mission in the World: An Ecumenical Christian Study Guide on Global Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals* (2006: The Episcopal Church and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)\* <http://www.elca.org/advocacy/one/mdgguide.pdf>

Lawlor, Jay R. *What One Congregation Can Do: A Guide to Developing a MDGs Ministry in Your Congregation* (2006: Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation)\*

Lloyd, Lallie B. *Eradicating Global Poverty: A Christian Study Guide on the Millennium Development Goals* by (2005: Friendship Press – National Council of Churches) 800-889-5733\* Downloadable on the National Council of Churches website: <http://www.nccusa.org/news/060201eradicatingpoverty.html>

Marshall, Katherine and Richard Marsh, editors. *Millennium Challenges for Development and Faith Institutions* (2003: World Bank Publications)\*

*Mini-atlas of Millennium Development Goals: Building a Better World* (2005: World Bank Publications)\*

Millennium Campaign, Taking IT Global and the Global Action Network. *Only With Your Voice: Youth Action Guide*\* [www.millenniumcampaign.org/youth](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org/youth)

Pearson, Sharon and Christina Szoke. *Treasure Magazine: UN Rights of the Child* (2003: Episcopal Church Center)\*

Religions for Peace. *Faith in Action: Working Toward the Millennium Development Goals* (An Action Toolkit for Religious Leaders and Communities)\* [www.religionsforpeace.org](http://www.religionsforpeace.org)

Sach, Jeffrey. *Investing in Development – A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals* (2005: UN Millennium Project) [www.unmillenniumproject.org](http://www.unmillenniumproject.org)

Sachs, Jeffrey D. *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* (2005: Penguin Publishers)

Smith, David. *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People* (2002: Kids Can Press, Ltd.)\*

Spencer, Leon. *Mission and ministry through the Millennium Development Goals: a resource for parish study* (2007: Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina)  
<http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/591/MDGText.pdf>

*Stations of the Cross for Global Justice and Reconciliation* (2006: Episcopal Church Office of Governmental Relations)\*  
[http://episcopalgrassroots.com/resources/EPPN\\_stations\\_of\\_the\\_cross\\_booklet.pdf](http://episcopalgrassroots.com/resources/EPPN_stations_of_the_cross_booklet.pdf)

The Hope Chest – activities for teaching children about the lives of other children in developing countries  
[www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)

United Nations. *Teaching Human Rights: Practical activities for primary and secondary schools* (2003: United Nations Publications)\*

United Nations. *Implementing the 20/20 Initiative: Achieving universal access to basic social services* (1998: United Nations Publications)\*

## **MDG Websites (general):**

United Nations Development Programme: MDGs [www.undp.org/mdg](http://www.undp.org/mdg)

Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation [www.e4gr.org/mdgoal.html](http://www.e4gr.org/mdgoal.html)

The Episcopal Church [www.episcopalchurch.org/programs\\_36756\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm?menu=menu36744](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/programs_36756_ENG_HTM.htm?menu=menu36744)

The ONE Campaign [www.one.org/](http://www.one.org/)

UN Millennium Campaign [www.millenniumcampaign.org](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org)

UN website on MDGs [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals)

UN working with youth [www.un.org/youth](http://www.un.org/youth)

World Bank has data on the MDGs [www.developmentgoals.org](http://www.developmentgoals.org)

MDG Toolkit [www.mdgtoolkt.undg.org](http://www.mdgtoolkt.undg.org)

The World Scouts program on the MDGs [www.youthoftheworld.net](http://www.youthoftheworld.net)

Action Aid [www.actionaid.org](http://www.actionaid.org)

Oxfam International [www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)

Social Watch [www.socialwatch.org](http://www.socialwatch.org)

Civicus [www.civicus.org](http://www.civicus.org)

United Nations Cyber School Bus – for children & youth <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/mdgs/index.html>

Taking it Global - online community for youth [www.takingitglobal.org/home.html](http://www.takingitglobal.org/home.html)

Nikelodeon's initiative for children [www.nick2015.com](http://www.nick2015.com)

Cool Planet for Teachers – lesson plans [www.oxfam.org/uk/coolplanet/index](http://www.oxfam.org/uk/coolplanet/index)

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development [www.cafod.org.uk/resources/youth\\_leaders.html](http://www.cafod.org.uk/resources/youth_leaders.html)

Youthink - Youth link from the World Bank <http://youthink.worldbank.org/issues>

Change the World in 8 Steps [www.oxfam.org/coolplanet/teacher/mdg/index.htm](http://www.oxfam.org/coolplanet/teacher/mdg/index.htm)

## **Video Resources:**

*A Diary of Angelia Jolie and Jeffrey Sachs* <http://shop.mtv.com/viewproduct.htm?productId=4432334>

*Silent Killer: The Unfinished Campaign Against Hunger* KCTS TV 2005 [www.kcts.org](http://www.kcts.org)

*Girl in the Café* HBO 2005 [www.hbo.com](http://www.hbo.com)

Yesterday HBO 2005 [www.hbo.com](http://www.hbo.com)

## **Specific Resources on each of the MDGs**

### **#1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**

*30 Hour Famine* – international youth movement to fight hunger [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)

*Animal Crackers: A Global Education Resource for Children, Youth & Adults* (2001: Heifer Project International)\* [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Beckman, David and Art Simon. *Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God's World* (1999: Paulist Press)

Bread for the World. *Hunger No More* (six session hunger education kit)\* <http://www.hungernomore.org>

Bread for the World *Make Hunger History: Teaching Children About Hunger* (grades 4-6) \* [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

*Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table* – 7-session resource from the Presbyterian Hunger Program\* [www.pcusa.org/hunger/features/justeating.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/features/justeating.htm)

Kidder, Tracy. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* (2003: Random House)

Llyod, Lallie. *Eradicating Global Poverty: A Christian Study Guide on the Millennium Development Goals* (2006: Friendship Press)\*

McGovern, George, Donald E. Messer and Robert Dole. *Ending Hunger Now: A Challenge to Persons of Faith* (2005: Augsburg Fortress)

Sider, Ronald J. *Christians in an Age of Hunger*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (1997: Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Smith, Stephen C. *Ending Global Poverty: A Guide to What Works* (2005: Palgrave Macmillan)

#### **Websites:**

Evangelical Church in America [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)

United Methodist Church [www.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/hunger.stm](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/hunger.stm)

Bread for the World [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

Let Justice Roll [www.nccusa.org/letjusticeroll/Let%20Justice%20Roll%20Home%20Page.htm](http://www.nccusa.org/letjusticeroll/Let%20Justice%20Roll%20Home%20Page.htm)

World Vision [www.wvi.org](http://www.wvi.org)

Global Call to Action Against Poverty [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org)

Church World Service [www.churchworldservice.org/decisions/index.htm](http://www.churchworldservice.org/decisions/index.htm)

Presbyterian Church [www.pcusa.org/hunger/resources.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/resources.htm)

Heifer Project International [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) (Read to Feed Program)

### **#2: Achieve Universal Primary Education**

#### **Websites:**

Millennium Campaign on #2 [www.millenniumcampaign.org/site/pp.asp?c=grKVL2NLE&b=313469](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org/site/pp.asp?c=grKVL2NLE&b=313469)

Procuring supplies for children [www.unicef.org/supply/index\\_education.html](http://www.unicef.org/supply/index_education.html)

Go Girls! [www.unicef.org/girlseducation/campaign\\_gogirls.html](http://www.unicef.org/girlseducation/campaign_gogirls.html)

### **#3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women**

Empowering Young Women to Lead Change

[www.unfpa.org/upload/lib\\_pub\\_file/628\\_filename\\_empowering-young-women](http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/628_filename_empowering-young-women)

### **#4: Reduce Child Mortality**

#### **Websites:**

Child Mortality Fact sheet <http://www.dfd.gov.uk/mdg/childmortality.asp>

### **#5: Improve Maternal Health**

### **#6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases**

Messer, Donald E. *Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence: Christian Churches and the Global AIDS Crisis* (2004: Fortress Press)

#### **Websites:**

Millennium Promise's Millennium Villages™ [www.millenniumpromise.org](http://www.millenniumpromise.org)

National Episcopal Alliance of Churches [www.neac.org](http://www.neac.org)

United Church of Christ [www.ucc.org/hiv aids](http://www.ucc.org/hiv aids)

AIDS Education Global Information System [www.aegis.com](http://www.aegis.com)

Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance [www.thegaia.org](http://www.thegaia.org)

### **#7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability**

*Adamah Congregations* – curriculum and special program from the National Council of Churches of Christ's Eco-Justice Program area on *Sacred Water* <http://www.ncecojustice.org/adamahh20.html>

Bassett, Libby ed. *Earth and Faith: A Book of Reflection for Action* (New York: Interfaith Partnership for the Environment – UNEP, 2000)\* [www.earthprint.com](http://www.earthprint.com)

Benson, Peter. *Beyond Leaf Raking: Learning to Serve/Serving to Learn* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993).\*

Bruchac, Joseph and Michael Caduto. *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children* (Fulcrum, Inc., Golden, CO, 1988)

Hammond, Meryll and Rob Collins. *One World – One Earth: Educating Children for Social Responsibility* (Global Island, BC, Canada: New Society Publishers, 1993)\*

Scherff, Judy. *Just and Proper Use: Issues in Environmental Stewardship* (New York: Episcopal Church Center, 1992)\*

McGinnis, James. *Educating for Peace and Justice (K-5)* (St. Louis: Institute for Peace and Justice, 1995) Unit 3 – Respect Nature: Become Friends with the Earth\*

McGinnis, James. *Families Caring . . . At Home . . . In the Community . . . For the Earth* (St. Louis: Institute for Peace and Justice, 1995) Chapter 5 – Consumerism and Stewardship / Chapter 6 – Caring for the Earth\*

Office of Peace and Justice. *Jubilee 2000: The Year of the Lord's Favor* (New York: DFMS/PECUSA, 1999) Unit – Respect for the Earth \*

Peace and Justice Ministries Cluster. *Visions of Justice: Activating the Church's Voice* (New York: DFMS/PECUSA, 1996) Section 5 – Environmental Stewardship\*

The EarthWorks Group. *50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth* (Andrews and McMeel, 1990)\*

UNEP. *A Trip with Drip the Water Drop: A Learning-by-doing workbook on water for children* (2005: United Nations Publications) \*

Virginia Theological Seminary. *Treasuring our Gifts – Episcopal Curriculum for Youth Module* (Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 1998)\*

Vogt, Susan. *Just Family Nights: 60 Activities to Keep Your Family Together in a World Falling Apart* (Brethren Press, 1994)\*

*Water World – Children's Voices* (An educational booklet on water for children) UNEP 2003.\*

*Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway? Ideas for a Christ-Centered Holiday* (2006: Alternatives for Simple Living)\* [www.simpleliving.org](http://www.simpleliving.org) - produced every year , with back issues available on website

## **Websites**

Centered Life: Connecting Sunday to Monday [www.centeredlife.org](http://www.centeredlife.org)

Institute for Peace and Justice [www.ipj.ppj.org](http://www.ipj.ppj.org)

Spirit in Nature: [www.spiritinnature.com](http://www.spiritinnature.com)

The Earth Charter: [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org) and [www.earthcharter.org/files/charter/charter.pdf](http://www.earthcharter.org/files/charter/charter.pdf) and [www.earthcharter.org/files/resources/GuideBook.pdf](http://www.earthcharter.org/files/resources/GuideBook.pdf)

GreenFaith: Interfaith Partners for the Environment [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)

Partners for Environmental Quality – Interfaith Environment Coalition (NJ) [www.peqnj.org](http://www.peqnj.org)

Virtual House Tour – [www.H2Ouse.org](http://www.H2Ouse.org)

The Water Page (history of water in the world's religions) [www.thewaterpage.com/religion](http://www.thewaterpage.com/religion)

Forum on Religion and Ecology [www.hds.harvard.edu/cswr/ecology](http://www.hds.harvard.edu/cswr/ecology)

National Religious Partnership for the Environment [www.nrpe.org](http://www.nrpe.org)

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences [www.ifees.org](http://www.ifees.org)

U.S. National Council of Churches Eco-Justice / Web of Creation [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)

United Nations Environment Programme [www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org)

Alternatives for Simple Living [www.simpleliving.org](http://www.simpleliving.org)

Protection of Species [www.creationcare.org/files/endangeredcreatures.pdf](http://www.creationcare.org/files/endangeredcreatures.pdf)

Classroom Earth [www.classroomearth.org/](http://www.classroomearth.org/)

Water for All – Oxfam's online learning resource on water and change [www.oxfamo.org.uk/coolplanet/water/index.htm](http://www.oxfamo.org.uk/coolplanet/water/index.htm)

## **#8: Global Partnership for Development**

Church World Service *Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table* (curriculum – readings and reflection for action)\*

Kireopoulos, Antonios, editor. *For the Peace of the World: A Christian Curriculum on International Relations* (2005: Friendship Press – National Council of Churches)\*

*Mini-atlas of Global Development* (2004: World Bank Publications)\*

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. *Healing a Broken World: Globalization and God* (2002: Fortress Press)

Oxfam. *The Coffee Chain Game: An Activity on Trade for Ages 13 and Above* (2005: Oxfam)  
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/display.asp?K=600000000017133>

Bhala, Raj. *Trade, Development, and Social Justice* (2003, Carolina Academic Press) ISBN: 0-89089-384-5

<p>*These resources are available to preview / borrow from the Diocesan Resource Center. Contact Sharon Ely Pearson <a href="mailto:spearson@ctdiocese.org">spearson@ctdiocese.org</a> 800-842-0126x126</p>
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