

Combating Poverty: Faithful Citizenship Campaign

*Faithful Citizenship Campaign calls on Wisconsin
to commit to cutting child poverty in half.*

[Two years of dialogue](#) across the state among religious leaders, congregants, and policy experts have led to a consensus that poverty in Wisconsin is a moral crisis that demands action. As the result of a series of conversations during 2014-2016 sponsored by **WISDOM, Wisconsin Council of Churches, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, and Citizen Action Education Fund** a bold, but attainable, goal emerged that **every person in Wisconsin is invited to endorse**—cutting child poverty in half in the next 10 years

The focus on child poverty is due to the fact that children are the poorest segment of society. Racial disparities in poverty are bigger in Wisconsin than in the U.S. as a whole, so any efforts to reduce childhood poverty overall need to reduce those as well. The negative consequences of childhood poverty and racial disparities on a child's health, development, and life prospects can persist into adulthood and future generations, affecting the vitality and productivity of the whole community.

An [interfaith theological statement](#) and a [policy statement](#) were developed, giving the religious and moral reasons for committing our state to this goal. The statements and related study materials are available at the link below

SOURCE: <http://www.wichurches.org/resources/combating-poverty/>

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Northeast Wisconsin

The Faithful Citizenship Campaign is a joint project of ESTHER, Stronger Together Fox Valley's Good Early Start Team, and Citizen Action of Northeast Wisconsin's Economic Justice Committee



What you can do

1. **Endorse the goal** of reducing childhood poverty in Wisconsin at www.tinyurl.com/cutchildpoverty
2. **Schedule a presentation** for your faith community or any other group interested in child wellbeing.
3. To learn more, schedule a presentation or join our team, please contact:

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