



A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast

Listening Guide – Poverty Episodes

Episode	Guest	Question	Timestamp
Episode 4	Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education, First Presbyterian Owensboro, KY	What should churches do when people come to the door asking for help?	19:39
Episode 5	Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator for the Presbyterian Committee on Self Development of People	The local churches in my community do a lot to address issues of poverty in our: homeless shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens, and clothing drives. But I feel like we aren't addressing root causes of why people need these services in the first place. How do we move from providing temporary relief to addressing root causes of poverty? What more can we do?	18:28
Episode 22	Rev. Dr. Gregory Simpson, Pastor at Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church, Chair of the Environmental & Climate Change Sub-committee of MRTI	How can we as a society simultaneously work to address issues of global climate change that do not exacerbate or perpetuate other issues and inequalities such as poverty and access to resources? How can this be done in a way that builds community, instead of simply looking for a "quick and easy solution" that disregards potential consequences?	24:05
Episode 80	Margaret Mwale, Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People	What does the term "self-development" mean in relation to community empowerment? How does one help another person achieve "self-development" without being intrusive or telling them what they should do to improve their lives?	29:00
Episode 85	Wayne Younger, Executive Director, Open Hand Ministries	People talk about the wealth and income disparities faced by communities of color, and particularly Black and African American communities. The result is a lack of access to things like loans, financial literacy, stability and home ownership. What can churches and faith communities do to change this and empower these communities?	31:33

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Reflection Questions

What are 3 words that came up during these podcasts that stuck out to you?

In what ways have you or your faith community dealt with systems of poverty? Taking into consideration the experiences of our guests, how might this work change?

After listening to these episodes, what ways has your idea about poverty changed?

What are the systems in your own communities that contribute and perpetuate poverty?