

Congregations For Children (C4C) is a state-wide initiative of The United Methodist Church focused on addressing child poverty in North Carolina through the development (or expansion) of partnerships between United Methodist churches and public schools in their local communities. Churches are encouraged to provide support to a school of their choice which addresses one or more of the areas of focus suggested by Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent of Public Schools for NC. These areas represent key challenges which impact children living in poverty.



Areas Of Focus:

1. Enhancing K-3 Literacy Skills
2. Providing for Basic Needs
3. Increasing Parent Involvement (& interaction w/ positive adult role models)
4. Raising Awareness of the Child Poverty Issue

<u>Focus Area</u>	<u>Example Support Options</u>
K-3 Literacy	Donate Books (Give Five, Read Five) Reading Tutors Summer Reading Camps After School Programs
Basic Needs (i.e. food, clothing, supplies)	Weekend Food Backpacks Maintain Clothing Closet (at school) Coat Drives Provide School Supplies
Parental Involvement (& interaction with positive adult role models)	Morning Greeters Hall Monitors Lunch Buddies Watch DOGS Help With Events That Attract Parents

Provides an excellent opportunity for a church (of any size) to enhance its community outreach.

If a church has an existing school ministry, C4C can help to undergird and build on that foundation.

Partnerships are developed & customized based on the specific resources of each church & the specific needs of each school.

Model is designed to engage a broad percentage of a church's congregation.

District C4C Coordinators are available to provide coaching, training & assistance throughout the partnership development process.