

'2015 Millenium Goals' for the Churches

A Call to Action

1. **Share liturgies and create new ones which engage with the realities of wealth and poverty** and
2. **Provide clear and accessible teaching and educational programmes on Christianity, poverty and wealth and on the economic order** so that congregations are inspired and equipped to engage in structural change and bring about God's justice.
3. **Define a 'greed line' to stand alongside the 'poverty line'** in each country, translating Gospel teaching on wealth into concrete and contemporary guidance for Christians.
4. **Organise a World Church Sunday on Poverty and Wealth** in October to coincide with the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty to focus the attention of the churches on their calling to overcome greed and poverty.
5. **Re-examine the reasons for supporting poverty-related projects and programmes** to make sure they are advocates of fundamental structural change in favour of the poorest.
6. **Give priority to local churches and communities** in resourcing and decision-making.
7. **Participate in national poverty reduction strategies** in every country so that the churches make their full contribution to policy-making, implementation and monitoring.
8. **Support and actively participate in an inclusive global alliance of the churches** and their organisations (focused on the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance) to 'globalise solidarity' and make church advocacy more effective.
9. **Create an ecumenical network of research institutions** to exchange and co-ordinate their findings on advocacy issues and make them available to the churches.
10. **Produce a World Church Report on Poverty and Wealth in 2007 and 2015** to provide a framework within which the varied activities of the churches can gain greater coherence and reinforce each other.