

**Action Steps to Fight Poverty**  
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1. Pray and Commit to God to take action.
2. Build relationships with local legislators
  - Visit to find out what they are doing to combat poverty and, if possible, express support for programs in place
  - Invite politicians into your “backyard” to see immediate needs and what you are doing to address them
3. Invite others in the faith community to get involved
  - Facilitate a mini-consultation or anti-poverty event through your church, district, or existing groups
4. Coordinate a poverty simulation
5. Take steps to initiate a Circles program ([www.movethemountain.org](http://www.movethemountain.org))
6. Lead a group through the 4-week PA Council of Churches Poverty Study ([www.pachurchesadvocacy.org](http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org))
7. Stay in touch with others in the anti-poverty movement in the United Methodist Church
  1. Use social networking tools on [www.umadvocacy.org](http://www.umadvocacy.org) to share what you’re doing, what is working, etc.