

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 public school of their choice by addressing one or more of the areas of focus shown below. These areas represent key challenges which impact our children living in poverty.



**Areas Of Focus:**

1. Enhancing **K-3 Literacy Skills**
2. Providing for **Basic Needs**
3. Increasing **Parent Involvement and Interaction with Positive Adult Role Models**
4. **Advocating** for Community and Governmental Support of Public Education

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<u>Focus Area</u>	<u>Example Support Options</u>
<b>K-3 Literacy</b>	Donate Books Reading Tutors at School or Church Summer Reading Camps After School Programs
<b>Basic Needs</b> (i.e. food, clothing, supplies)	Weekend and Summer Food Backpacks Maintain Clothing Closet at School Provide School Supplies
<b>Parental Involvement</b> and Interaction with Positive Adult Role Models	Morning Greeters Hall Monitors Lunch Buddies Help With Events That Attract Parents
<b>Advocacy</b> for Public Education	Stay Informed on Public School Issues Vote For Public Education Advocates Communicate With Elected Officials

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

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

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

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

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