

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 which addresses one or more of the areas of focus shown below. 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 and Interaction with Positive Adult Role Models**

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<u>Focus Area</u>	<u>Example Support Options</u>
K-3 Literacy	Donate Books (Give Five, Read Five) Reading Tutors at School or Church 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 and Interaction with Positive Adult Role Models	Morning Greeters Hall Monitors Lunch Buddies 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 partnership, 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 cross section of a church's congregation.

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