**POVERTY TASK FORCE SURVEY**

**PALISADES DISTRICT**

**GREATER NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

PLEASE COMPLETE BY December 23rd VIA EMAIL AND RETURN TO: Charleswing1@gmail.com

1.  How is your congregation currently engaged in addressing poverty?  Please check all that apply.

          \_\_\_\_   Advocacy

          \_\_\_\_   Education

          \_\_\_\_   Hands-on activity

2.  What ministries do you presently have in place to address POVERTY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?  Please indicate if these ministries are directed to local, national, and/or global populations.

3.  Please share what referring agencies or educational sources you currently use in your ministries that address poverty.

4. What could help your CONGREGATION become more effective in addressing poverty in your community? Please check all that apply.

           \_\_\_\_ Education (speakers, written materials, Bible studies…)

           \_\_\_\_ Resources (material items…)

           \_\_\_\_ Information about referral organizations

5. Please indicate how you feel the following issues contribute to poverty in the United States.  On a scale of 1 -10, where 1 is least and 10 is most important, please rate each item individually.

\_\_\_ Homelessness

\_\_\_ Hunger

\_\_\_ Appropriate clothing (for employment, school, socialization, seasonal weather...)

\_\_\_ Medical attention

\_\_\_ Dental attention

\_\_\_ Medicine expenses

\_\_\_ Paper supplies and personal hygiene items

\_\_\_ Accessibility to mental health services (including, care for addictions)

\_\_\_ Access to childcare

\_\_\_ Employment counseling

\_\_\_ Lack of education

\_\_\_ Employment training

\_\_\_ Crime and violence

\_\_\_ Lack of legal counsel

\_\_\_ Opportunities available after incarceration

\_\_\_ Access to transportation

\_\_\_ Other – please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.  Are you the contact person for your congregation around issues of poverty?  If so, please provide your preferred contact details:

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If someone else, please provide their contact information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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