



TOP AREAS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

1. Poverty and Hunger
2. Housing
3. Children and Youth

TOP ENGAGEMENT METHODS

1. Donating
2. Volunteering
3. Use of Church Spaces

DESIRED AREAS FOR FUTURE WORK

1. Poverty Alleviation
2. Antiracism
3. Refugee Assistance
4. Gender Equity

BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACED

1. Concerns about Appearing Political or Causing Division
2. Scarcity of Resources
3. Feeling Overwhelmed
4. Concerns about Prejudice

WHAT MAKES THIS WORK SUCCESSFUL

1. Wise Use of Church Spaces
2. Relationship-Building
3. Clear Church-Wide Communication
4. Hands-On Opportunities
5. Partnerships in the Community
6. Creative Fundraising
7. Persistence

In Spring 2023, the Social Justice Committee of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee undertook a survey to address the following research questions: 1) What are our congregations already doing? 2) How are their efforts going? 3) What's next for the Presbytery?

Along with a full-length version, this one-page report demonstrates top areas of social justice work, interests, successes, challenges, and needs as represented by the 17 churches who participated in the survey. The whole Presbytery can benefit from this wisdom. The Social Justice Committee intends to direct its future work towards these expressed needs as congregations address social justice concerns in their communities.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS

1. Educational Materials
2. Networking Assistance
3. Connecting to Funds
4. Help with Church Communications