



Call to Action 2012

1. If you are not registered to vote, please register today!
2. Attend your precinct caucus on February 7 and submit the “Poverty Impact” resolution for inclusion in your party’s platform. (See Secretary of State website for location of precinct caucuses: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=886>)
3. If you have not read the Legislative Commission to End Poverty’s Recommendations, read the full report. (Available at www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcep/ A summary of those recommendations can be found at <http://www.mnwithoutpoverty.org/resources/lcep-recommendations.html>)
4. After you read the Commission’s Recommendations, please contact (phone, e-mail, letter or personal visit) your legislators (State Representative and State Senator) and share the following with them:

I am your constituent. I read the Legislative Commission to End Poverty’s Recommendations and I believe we CAN and MUST end poverty in our State. I made a commitment to work to end poverty in Minnesota by 2020. I am doing my part by (fill in the blank). I want you to commit to end poverty in Minnesota and work to implement the Recommendations THIS Session. I am eager to help you in any way I can. Thank you!

5. Contact your legislators at any crucial time during this legislative session and ask the questions found in A Minnesota Without Poverty’s 2012 Policy Strategy. (printed below and available at www.mnwithoutpoverty.org under Resources)

I believe there is enough for all to have enough, if we all do our part.

I plan to do my part by acting on the following from the list above.

(Check all that you plan to do. Keep your list as your own commitment)

___1___2___3___4___5_____Other

A Minnesota Without Poverty

2012 Policy Strategy Working Toward Enough for All Adopted: 1/25/12

We propose the following that will move Minnesota one step closer toward the goal of Enough for All:

We will continue to animate, organize, and mobilize Minnesotans to educate their legislators about the Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020 and to hold them responsible for ending poverty in Minnesota by 2020.

We will urge Minnesotans to contact their legislators regarding all significant proposed policies or bills and ask these questions:

- How does this legislation/policy increase or decrease the number of people in poverty?
- How does this legislation/policy help create jobs that will sustain Minnesota families?

RATIONALE:

We believe there is enough for all to have enough, if we all do our part.

We believe “...all people should be provided with those things that protect human dignity and make for a healthy life, including adequate food and shelter, meaningful work, safe communities, health care and education.” (*A Common Foundation: Shared Principles for Work on Overcoming Poverty; Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020*)

We believe that all sectors of society play a role in ending poverty and that government must play a significant role because the public sector can operate at a scale to ensure access, equity and opportunity to end poverty.