

The goals of the event are:

1. To raise awareness of challenges and opportunities of people struggling in poverty in our community and
2. Identify concrete action steps people of faith can do to **"Bring Forth the Kingdom"**

First United Methodist Church's

"Poverty Education and Advocacy Team" is fortunate to be able to bring 5 community leaders to address several Community Health and Education issues that can impact and better the lives of those who struggle in poverty. Faith organizations from across the greater Omaha area are invited to gather a team (multiples of 8 are optimum) to learn and strategize ways the individual and connected faith communities can impact and better all lives.

There is no fee but you are requested to pre-register at:

fumcpovertyforum@fumcomaha.org

no later than October 27.



Bringing Forth The Kingdom

Addressing poverty in our community...

**Saturday, November 8, 2015
8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**The Poverty Education
and Advocacy Team
invites you to a time of learning
and dialogue to inspire action.**

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Topics and Leadership

Health of our Community led by a panel of:

Ben Gray, Omaha City Councilman
Carolina Quezada, Executive Director,
Latino Center of the Midlands
Aubrey Mancuso, Voices for Children in
Nebraska



Mr. Gray was elected to the Omaha City Council in 2009. His presence is also well-known through the medium of television, having served as producer of "Kaleidoscope" on ABC's affiliate KETV.

Ms. Quezada has a wide array of experiences in organizational management, with emphasis on educational and neighborhood services. Her values were shaped by her background and hard work has brought her into arenas of better futures for the people she serves.



Ms. Mancuso is a graduate of Creighton University and returned to Omaha to serve as Policy coordinator for Economic Stability and Health at Voices for Children. In addition to this part of

her career, she has worked with chronically homeless adults with mental illness and the food stamp program.

Impacts on Education Quality



Robert Bligh is an educator for the whole person. He is currently dedicated to researching, writing and speaking about "the influence that the quality of a child's life outside school has on academic success."

Mr. Bligh was born in Norfolk, Nebraska. He received his B.A. degree from the University of South Dakota and his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He has worked in the Nebraska Legislature, the Nebraska Association of school Boards and is a member of the faculty at Doane College. He is published in Nebraska papers and the Washington Post and Chicago's Black Star Project.

Economic Stability



James Goddard is the Economic Justice and Health Care Access Program Director for Nebraska Appleseed. He has been with Appleseed through his internship progressing

through various stages to arrive at his current role. In the meantime he earned his J.D. from the Nebraska College of law and his Bachelor's in Social work cum laude from Union College in Lincoln. He also has experience in the Mexico Appleseed Center in Mexico City, Mexico. During his time at Appleseed he has litigated cases and engaged in policy advocacy and media work.