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The KAIROS Anti-poverty program

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Poverty in the midst of plenty is a fundamental injustice. Since 1989, the average Canadian family classified as "low-income" has had to subsist on \$9000 less than the poverty line. Social assistance benefits across Canada have dropped almost 20% and food bank use has nearly doubled. The poverty that flows from these cuts hurts individuals, families and communities.

KAIROS believes that poverty in Canada is neither inevitable nor acceptable. This country has abundant resources, and sharing these fairly must be our first priority. We believe that together we can begin to end poverty by placing priority on:

- good jobs with good wages
- income security
- affordable housing
- support for families, including strategies aimed at ending child poverty

KAIROS works with partner groups to challenge harmful stereotypes about poverty, and lobbies all levels of government to adopt policies that put high priority on eliminating poverty.

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