

Poverty Forum: *Hands for Change*

March 13, 2011, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive, Baton Rouge, LA

Sponsored by
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge



One out of every four children in Louisiana lives in poverty.

Together, let us accept the challenge extended by the Louisiana Child Poverty Prevention Council to reduce the number of children living in poverty by 50% by 2018.

SCHEDULE

2:00 pm

Register, Get Acquainted, Network, and Visit Displays

3:00 pm

Welcome Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade, Director, *Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge*
Rev. Charles Smith, *Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church*

Interfaith Blessing and Lighting of Candles

Leader: Today, we gather to remember the children in our community.
All: We remember children who are cold, hungry, in need of a shelter.
Leader: We remember children who have no one to read to them at night.
All: We remember what it was like to be a child and to dream.
Leader: Let us pray for guidance as we seek ways to help children realize their dreams.
Candle lighters: Let our hands bring change and light the way.
Leader: Indeed, let our hands bring change.

Video: *Hands for Change*

Being Voices and Hands for Change

Willie Johnson, *Lutheran Church of Our Saviour*
Rabbi Jordan Goldson, *Congregation B'Nai Israel*

3:30 pm

Creating a Community of Mentors

Breaking the cycle of poverty: One person at a time

Video: "Pass It On"

Being Mentored

- Bubba Henry, *Adams and Reese LLP*
- Further Conversation

Mentoring Others

- A tribute to: Pastor Jerry Schmalenberger
- John Smith, *100 Black Men*
- Further Conversation

A Community of Mentors

- John Dilworth, *East Baton Rouge Parish School System Superintendent*
- Further Conversation . . .with a focus

"Pass it On" . . . again and again. . .

5:00 pm

What's Working in Baton Rouge to Reduce Poverty

It is possible to make a difference.

Leslie Vincent—*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church*

Dr. Jim Llorens—*Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Mayor-President Kip Holden*

Bank On Baton Rouge, etc.

Next Steps

Second floor:

Bank On Baton Rouge— <i>John Smith</i>	<i>(Room #17)</i>
Letter Writing— <i>Bread for the World Committee</i>	<i>(Library)</i>
Upcoming Legislative Issues— <i>Dianne Hanley</i>	<i>(Room #16)</i>

First floor:

Displays

Video tape: Tell. . .

- *A story of being mentored*
- *A story about mentoring someone*
- *Of Baton Rouge as a community of mentors*

6:00 pm

Conclusion of the Poverty Forum, but the work continues. . .

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Watch the Federation Web site for:

- Additional interviews *(released regularly)*
- Additional resources on mentoring and poverty

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A word of thanks. . .

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Charles Smith—for hosting this event
Leaders—for sharing of your time and being 'Hands for Change'
Display Agencies—for your contributions in our community
John McCullough Bade—for the multi-media visual presentations
St. Aloysius Catholic Church—for the inserts of children's hands
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*Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge
3112 Convention St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806*

Louisiana Statistics*

(From Children's Defense Fund, Nov. 2008)

A child is born into poverty every 30 minutes.

A child is abused or neglected every 42 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.

A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Number of children in poverty (and percent in poverty) 283,350 (26.8%)

Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 124,373 (11.7%)

*From Children's Defense Fund

- Federal Poverty Guidelines are calculated annually by Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- 2008 Poverty Guideline for a family of 4: \$21,200 annual income
- 2008 Extreme Poverty Guideline for a family of 4: \$10,600 (50% of Poverty Guideline)