

12 to the 7th Power Campaign

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VOICE
FOR THE
POOR &
VULNERABLE

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for the
Common Good.
1 Corinthians 12:7

Twelve to the Seventh Power
Campaign
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Who:

- The 19.6% of Oregonians who are unemployed, underemployed or have simply given up.
- The 13% of Oregon families dealing with food insecurity. One in five Oregonians receive food stamps.
- The 1356 homeless in our community. Over 50% of the homeless are families.

Why:

- **The Poor and Vulnerable:** The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable.
'I assure you, that as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.'
Matthew 26:44-45
- **Solidarity:** No individual or nation stands alone.
'If one member suffers, all members suffer with it.' 1 Corinthians 12:26
- **Right and Responsibilities:** Our elected officials are to be of service to all of our citizens.
'Woe to those who enact unjust statutes ... robbing my people's poor of their rights.'
Isaiah 10:1-2

How:

Go to www.justiceatthetable.com/live/12-to-the-7th-power .
Contact the 12 members of the special committee.
Invite 12 others to do the same.
Reaching 7 levels raises 35 million voices for
the poor and vulnerable.

12 to the 7 Power Campaign - Sample Letter

Dear Senator/Representative:

You have recently been named as a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Your colleagues on the committee have diverse political views and ideas on how to address this issue of deficit reduction. Still, you are Americans. You belong to various faith traditions.

"To each of you have been given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" - 1 Cor. 12:7

The common good is for all people regardless of their political affiliation, faith, color, place of birth, gender or sexual orientation. Most importantly, this includes the **poor and vulnerable** of our nation.

- Our nation is suffering. The nationwide unemployment rate is averaging 9% for the year. It stands at 16.5% nationally and 19.6% if you include those who are underemployed or have given up.
- Nationwide 50,162,000 (16.6%) fellow Americans are experiencing food insecurity.
- America has one of the largest wealth gaps among advanced economies according to the CIA World Factbook.

I am writing for my family, friends and those without a voice - the poor and the vulnerable.

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or ill in prison and not attend to your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, that as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' Matthew 26:44-45.

Will you truly place the needs of the poor and vulnerable at the center of your work? I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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