

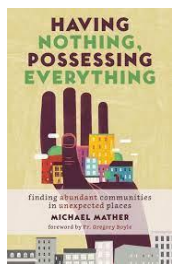
Justice Resources

Recommended Reading



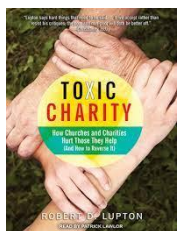
[Strategic Compassion: Reuniting the Good News and Good Works in the Fight Against Poverty](#) – by Barry Slauenwhite

The complexity of poverty can be paralyzing. As Christ’s Church, we are called to help those in need—but we’ve let ourselves become divided on how. The good news about poverty is that God has a plan to restore the brokenness in our world—and He is inviting us to be part of it. (Compassion Canada)



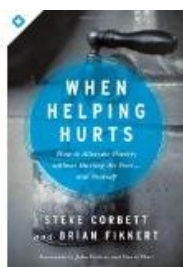
[Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places](#) – by Michael Mather

This is the story of how one church found abundance in a community of material poverty. This book will inspire readers to seek justice in their own local communities and to find abundance and hope all around them. (Eerdmans)



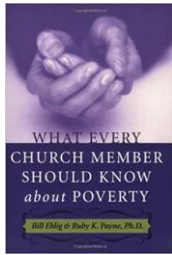
[Toxic Charity: How the Church Hurts Those They Help and How to Reverse It](#) – by Robert Lupton

Common charity models like toy giveaways, school supply handouts, food pantries, and the like are examples of short-term fixes focused on transferring resources. Lupton shows churches how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change. (Harper Collins)



[When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself](#) – by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty. When Helping Hurts provides foundational concepts, clearly articulated general principles and relevant applications which can help churches do effective and holistic ministry to the poor.



[What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty](#) - by Bill Ehlig & Ruby K. Payne (OR *Building Bridges Out of Poverty* - by Ruby Payne, aha! Process Inc.)

These books look at the harsh realities that tend to keep people in poverty but remind us that there is good news and hope for transformation! Building Bridges has become a movement! Cities across the country are using its concepts through workshops and learning events to help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way.

Recommended Websites

[The Chalmers Center](#)

[World Renew Canada](#)

[CRCNA Do Justice blog](#)

[CRCNA in Canada – Centre for Public Dialogue](#)

[CRC's Office of Social Justice](#) (now under Thrive)