

PRAYER ALONE WILL NOT END CHILD POVERTY.



ONTARIO FAITH LEADERS CALL ON OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO DO THEIR PART.

We call on Ontario party leaders to ensure that the next government:

- Matches federal funding in order to create sufficient affordable housing – in Toronto alone there are 40,000 children on the waiting list for affordable housing;
- Ensures all low-income children receive the full funds from the federal National Child Benefit – currently the Province

claws back these funds from approximately 246,000 Ontario children on social assistance;

- Invests in high quality, licensed child care services – at present only 9% of Ontario children have access to regulated child care.
- Increases the shelter allowance portion of social assistance to reflect real rents – rents have continued to increase, while

social assistance rates have been frozen for 10 years.

- Raises the minimum wage which has been frozen for eight years – one in every four of all poor Ontario children lives in a family where at least one parent works full time.

Our children deserve much better. Your actions will affect their future. It's a matter of conscience.

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