

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Call to Host an Interfaith Millennium Development Goals Event

To achieve the MDGs by 2015, Canada must:

ADDRESS POVERTY – CARE FOR OUR EARTH – INVEST IN PEACE

This is a crucial time in our history with five years remaining to fulfill the MDGs. 192 nations promised to achieve the MDGs by 2015. As Canadians we are not on track to achieve the MDGs. However, as diverse faith groups, we find ourselves of one heart on this issue of fulfilling Canada's MDG promise by 2015. We cannot remain silent. As faith groups share with their MPs how they are already engaged in fulfilling the MDGs, these events provide a unique opportunity to challenge our MPs and each other to deepen our commitments to achieving the MDGs by 2015.

Who: Gather members of diverse faith groups.

What: Ask your invited Member of Parliament to ensure that the Canadian government takes concrete action to fulfill the MDGs by 2015.

Where: In your federal riding.

When: Anytime before March 31, 2011.

How: An online Resource Kit at www.faithchallengeg8.com (click RESOURCES) includes pages on how to: plan an interfaith MDG event, plan an interfaith MDG school event, invite your Member of Parliament, engage your faith community in concrete Calls to Action on the MDGs and engage the media for your event. The Kit also includes templates for: Event flyer, Agenda, Interfaith Prayer of Thanksgiving, Invitation to your MP and Press Releases to precede and follow your event.

Use the 2010 Interfaith Statement, "A Time for Inspired Leadership and Action," as a basis for conversations at your event.

Encourage event guests to sign the Interfaith MDG Parliamentary Petition (download and print from www.faithchallengeg8.com).

For more information, action options and supporting resources visit www.faithchallengeg8.com or contact interfaith@councilofchurches.ca