

Welcome to EGR's "Global Reconciliation Backpack"!

The backpack is a starter kit for getting MDG ministry going in your congregation. We've gone through the myriad of resources available on the EGR website – www.e4gr.org -- and picked the ones that we think will be most helpful to you in getting started, and we've also written up some new ones.

We hope this gives you a framework for building a team and beginning an exciting movement in your congregation.

We recommend you start with two documents:

***Building a MDG Mission in Your Congregation – First Steps**

***Core Values for Transformative MDG Ministry**

The other items in the backpack will help you build on that foundation. Those are:

***5 "What One Can Do" handouts** (Advocate, Connect, Give, Learn, Pray) with theological foundations and practical actions for individuals and congregations.

***Basic MDG Educational Resources** – resources, activities and hints for MDG education.

***EGR Resource List** (books, movies, websites, study guides, etc.)

***Your Church and Politics** – a 2-pager on how to engage in political advocacy and avoid IRS trouble!

***3 Scriptural Resources** – The MDGs – Straight from Scripture, Peace and Justice Scripture, and "Why We as Christians should care about the MDGs" by the Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas.

***Sample MDG Prayers of the People**

***Sample MDG Vestry Resolution**

***The MDG icons**

***U.S. in the World** - a very large but great resource on global poverty and development. Particularly check out the common questions and good answers sections.

***World on Fire video** – Sara McLachlan's powerful music video illustrating how much a little money can do.

***UN Millennium Declaration** – The text of the document that established the MDGs

***EGR's brochure**

***The Millennium Development Goals & the Episcopal Church** – a brief history

***What is a U2charist** – brief introduction to using U2 to excite your congregation about the MDGs.

We hope you find this useful ... and that you'll keep checking back at www.e4gr.org for more resources and send us your great ideas!

Christ's peace,

The Rev. Mike Kinman, EGR executive director.