



STAND UP

TAKE ACTION

TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

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October 16, 17 and 18
BREAK THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

"If everyone who wants to see an end to poverty, hunger and suffering speaks out at the same time, the noise will be deafening. Politicians will have to listen." Desmond Tutu

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Dear *MAKE POVERTY HISTORY* supporter,

Congratulations! If you are reading this, chances are, you are one of MAKE POVERTY HISTORY's active and committed supporters. Thank you! It is because of YOUR efforts that our campaign to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY has experienced the successes it has. By joining with us in this year's STAND UP on October 16-18, you are part of a global action to shout out the message that poverty can and must be eradicated. It's especially critical this year that we show the world Canadians care because in June 2010, our government plays host to the G8 leaders who, as you know, have the power to affect the lives of millions of the world's poor. And this year, sadly the world's poor bear ever more of the brunt of greed-driven economic mayhem and devastating climate change.

In fact, STAND-UP gets bigger every year. Last year, close to 80 thousand Canadians stood alongside almost 117-million world-wide as we broke the Guinness Book of Records for the largest mobilization. An even bigger crowd this year will send a message, so deafening, the world's powerful decision-makers will, as Tutu says "have to listen".

We hope you'll find everything you need in this toolkit to hold your own successful STAND UP event. We are a team of five here at Make Poverty History in Ottawa and we will be on call 24/7 to help you in any way we can. Don't hesitate to contact us...it is great to have you onboard!

Best wishes,

***Dennis, Kelly, Bryan, Eric and Jennifer
MAKE POVERTY HISTORY Team
Ottawa***



About MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY is part of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) a coalition involving about 100 countries that aims to end the injustice of poverty. It is the largest anti-poverty movement in history.

In Canada, MAKE POVERTY HISTORY is a coalition of more than 1000 development NGOs, labour unions, anti-poverty groups and religious organizations. The coalition seeks to ensure the Canadian Government delivers more and better aid, debt cancellation, trade justice, an end to poverty in Canada, action on climate change and honours commitments made to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a global plan to halve poverty by 2015.

STAND UP Against Poverty is a worldwide call to take action against poverty and inequality and to fulfill Millennium Development Goals.

STAND UP is led across the world by the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) and the UNMC (United Nations Millennium Campaign). In Canada, STAND UP is facilitated by the Canadian MAKE POVERTY HISTORY coalition.

STAND UP is a unique global mobilisation which calls upon civil society, schools, businesses and NGOs to band together with the same message - that we must MAKE POVERTY HISTORY. People from all nations, all creeds, all races and all walks of life, join together by hosting or attending events in their local community. At each event participants STAND UP together to symbolise their unity with millions of other STAND UP participants across the globe. Event and participant numbers are registered and tallied with all participant numbers forwarded to The Guinness book of World Records to enable official world record holder achievement.

In 2006 GCAP, MAKE POVERTY HISTORY coalitions and UNMC set a Guinness World Record for the most number of people to ever to simultaneously 'STAND UP' against poverty within a 24 hour period. The official record, that Guinness calls the largest single coordinated movement of people in the history of the Guinness World Record was set at 23,542,614.

In **2007** the figures were almost doubled with **43.7 million** people participating in STAND UP events setting a new Guinness World Record. **76,000 Canadians** joined millions across the globe who participated in STAND UP events to show that they refuse to stay silent or seated in the face of poverty. In 2008 the STAND UP & TAKE ACTION world record attempt took place over three days covering all global timezones. Globally, the numbers almost tripled with 116.9 million people taking part – nearly 2% of the world's population. This year STAND UP will be held on **October 16, 17, and 18th.**



Why STAND UP?

In 2000, leaders of 189 countries signed up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a global plan to halve poverty by 2015.

The STAND UP campaign strives to remind governments and policy makers of their promise. The promise to end poverty inequality and hunger. The promise to stop children dying from preventable diseases. The promise to ensure basic education for all children, particularly girls. The promise to stop women dying during pregnancy and childbirth. The promise to provide water and sanitation and to protect the environment. Together participants around the world STAND UP to make governments honour their commitments on more and better aid, debt cancellation, trade justice, climate action, gender equality and public accountability.

PARTICIPATE!

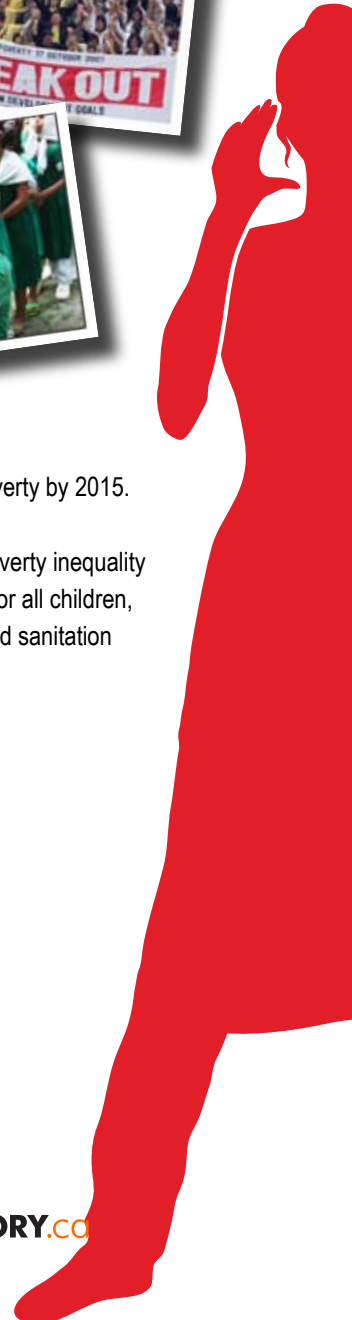
In 2009, you can take a stand. You can TAKE ACTION.

You can MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.

On October 16,17 and 18 join thousands of Canadians taking a stand against poverty, calling on our leaders to TAKE ACTION now.

For further information contact info@makepovertyhistory.ca or visit

WWW.MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY.CA



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IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE

...and if we do this together, we will see positive results...

The challenge of Making Poverty history is daunting and filled with obstacles. But it is possible and we are making progress. In 1970 we were losing 30 million children every year to preventable diseases. Now that figure has dropped to 9.2 million lives lost. This is still a travesty, but it shows that we are making a difference and gives us hope for even more meaningful change.

Recently, for the first time in human history, we are actually in a position to end poverty within our lifetime. We know what needs to be done. Most of the commitments have already been made. The challenge is getting leaders to live up to their commitments to the world's poorest. That is where MAKE POVERTY HISTORY comes in. Like the campaigns to end slavery, apartheid, racism and sexism, a tipping point did not come until there was a critical mass of people who knew about and were willing to take action on the issues. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY is trying to facilitate that critical mass of people who will speak out, stand up and take action on behalf of the world's poorest. STAND UP is one of the premiere opportunities of the year to facilitate that critical mass.



Stand Up is also a great way to raise awareness around poverty issues and let people know about all the different ways they can get involved. This year there is a big focus on getting everyone who participates to sign on to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY so that people have the opportunity to be and stay involved in the lead up to the G8 2010 which will be in Huntsville, Ontario.



How to **STAND UP & TAKE ACTION** 2009?

Come together at your school, workplace, community center or church on October 16th, 17th, or 18th and join millions of people around the globe who will STAND UP and TAKE ACTION... Against Poverty! Be a part of this growing global movement of people who refuse to stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and broken promises to end it! STAND UP is an opportunity for your school, community group, workplace, church or organization to be a part of an exciting and innovative global event in support of poverty eradication and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The first day of STAND UP, October 16th, is also World Food Day – a key date for highlighting the lack of, and importance, of global food security. The second day of STAND UP, October 17th, is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – an international show of solidarity demanding leaders live up to their commitments to end poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

STAND UP can be as big or as small as you want to make it.

You can STAND UP in two minutes or you can take two months to plan your event.

Whether your event is big or small, you do need to register your STAND UP by going to this website: www.standagainstopoverty.org, and quickly filling in your contact details to create an “event”

In previous years there was a big focus on planning your own events for STAND UP. This year we’re trying to encourage more people to insert STAND UP moments into pre-existing events – a lot of the time it’s easier and you can get more people to participate. By inserting a STAND UP moment into a preexisting event or gathering of people most of the hard parts of organizing a STAND UP event – finding a location, advertising, getting people to attend, getting the resources you need for the event – are all already taken care of. And if you’re really ambitious you can try and insert numerous STAND UP moments into a variety of events.

INSERTING A STAND UP MOMENT:

1. Find a gathering of people where you can insert a STAND UP moment. For example, anywhere with a PA; local, school or professional sporting events; at a religious service; any (first or secondary) school with a PA system; any large (university or college) classes. Concerts, stage-plays, even local movie theatres may be willing to have a “moment” before the performance begins. Register your Stand Up participation beforehand at www.standagainstopoverty.org.
2. Ask the appropriate person if you or they can insert a STAND UP moment.
3. Ask people to stand up (or participate in whatever way they can) and read the STAND UP pledge. (On page 8 of this kit) Count how many people stand up and enter the number in at www.standagainstopoverty.org. *Make sure to submit your count no later than 11:39pm GMT (relevant local time) on October 18.
4. Provide opportunities during or after the event for people to sign onto the Make Poverty History campaign, whose goals call for “more and better aid, trade justice, debt cancellation and an end to child poverty in Canada” by filling out the necessary information on a Make Poverty History sign on sheet. Make Poverty History sign on sheets are available to download at: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/downloads/mph-sign-on-sheet.pdf> If you have a live internet connection, you can sign online at makepovertyhistory.ca.
5. Please share with us your Stand Up experience. If you take any pictures or if you film your event, please let us know!



PLANNING YOUR PARTICIPATION:

- JOIN AN EXISTING STANDUP EVENT – check www.makepovertyhistory.ca or www.standagainstopoverty.org/ to find Stand Up events in your community.
- ORGANIZE YOUR OWN EVENT – keep reading for details on how to arrange a STAND UP in your community or your school

How to Organize a STAND UP Event

Organise your own event - How to arrange a **STAND UP** in your community or school



1. Choose the location

School, office, church, park or other public space in your community. Double check www.makepovertyhistory.ca to make sure there is not an event planned – even if there is one in the works, depending on the size of your community and the nature of the event, you can certainly have more than one! You will just need to coordinate with other planners.

2. Choose the style of event you want to organize

A concert, film screening, an assembly, meeting or other type of event.

3. Choose a stand up contact

Choose a nominated person to register your event, count participants on the day and submit the participant numbers to the Millennium Campaign at www.standagainstopoverty.org.

4. Select an MC

Nominate a pledge reader, and if contacting local media, a spokesperson.

5. Plan your event

Plan the program. Inform people about Canada's opportunity as host of the upcoming 2010 G8 to take bold leadership on global poverty and climate justice. Consider showing the Let's Get to the Point ad. Ask participants to send a message to the Prime Minister to deliver more aid and get to the point seven percent of our national income at www.makepovertyhistory.ca/pointseven. You can read more about our campaign around the 2010 G8 at: www.makepovertyhistory.ca/g8. Don't hesitate to contact local musicians, performers or well known personalities to participate in your event!

6. Promote your event

Invite as many people as you can to attend your event.

7. Register your event

Register your event at www.standagainstopoverty.org

8. At the event

Read the pledge, **STAND UP** and count your participants numbers. Take a photo.

9. After your event

Submit your participant numbers online at www.standagainstopoverty.org on October 16, 17 or 18.



MAKE POVERTY HISTORY is the vehicle for demonstrating that Canadians care about more and better aid, fair trade, debt cancellation and ending poverty in Canada. This year, MAKE POVERTY HISTORY has also added climate justice and international financial institution reform to their platform.

The more people who sign on to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY the more the government sees these issues matter to Canadians and consequently the more likely they are to take action on them.

This coming year is a big one in the global campaign to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY. It is two thirds of the way to the Millennium Development Goals. The G8 summit in 2010 is in Canada so it is a rare time when our ability to influence the issues reaches far beyond our own country. On top of all this, the G8 summit in 2010 is the year that the G8's commitments to poverty alleviation come up for renewal.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY wants Canada to keep its promise to deliver 0.7% of its national income for foreign aid. Last year, MAKE POVERTY HISTORY was able to get the Better Aid Bill passed. This was a big step forward on the "better" part of our "more and better aid" goal. Now we need to focus on the "more" part.

Make Poverty History is also campaigning to end poverty in Canada. The STAND UP and Take Action events can also be used to press provincial and federal governments for action on a plan to end poverty in Canada and to close the gap in living standards between Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal Canadians.

SIGN ON

Sign on in support of the Make Poverty History goals of "more and better aid, trade justice, debt cancellation and an end to poverty in Canada" and join our online action network by signing on at: www.makepovertyhistory.ca You will be kept informed of upcoming actions and updated on results.

TAKE ACTION

Send a message to the Prime Minister asking that Canada keep its promise to give 0.7% of our national income to fight global poverty at: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/en/pointseven/take-action> Learn about other ways you can get involved and take action to help make poverty history at: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/en/take-action> and always feel free to email us if you have a good idea or want some help figuring out what to do.

<http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/en/about/contact-us>

GET INVOLVED!

Check out our current campaigns at <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/en/campaigns>. Whether as an individual or as a group, be part of the MAKE POVERTY HISTORY network and take part in our upcoming actions! You can also find out if there is a MAKE POVERTY HISTORY local group near you at: www.makepovertyhistory.ca/groups.

SUPPORT MAKE POVERTY HISTORY - like what we do? Purchase some MAKE POVERTY HISTORY merchandise and contribute to the campaign's ability to continue its work.



STAND UP & TAKE ACTION Pledge

The STAND UP Pledge is read aloud at STAND UP events across the world. At School assemblies, workplace morning teas, picnics, concerts, parks, community centers, churches and offices, STAND UP participants read the pledge as they STAND UP to symbolise standing together in unity with millions of people around the world who are banding together to send a message to their leaders that we must STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against Poverty.

At your STAND UP event you may read the global pledge or write your own.

You can find the pledge below as well as an introduction you may wish to read at your event.

STAND UP and TAKE ACTION to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

In a moment we will be asking you all to STAND UP in support of the eradication of extreme poverty. World leaders have promised to do this by achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. By performing this symbolic action you will be reminding them of this promise and joining millions of people in over 100 countries who today will be doing the same. Not only will you be standing up, but you will be counted too. The action you are about to perform will be counted as part of an official Guinness World Record for the most number of people to simultaneously STAND UP against Poverty! With that, if I could please ask you to stand during the anti poverty pledge:

STAND UP “ Pledge ”



We are standing now with millions around the world on this day to show our commitment to the fight against extreme poverty and inequality.

We are standing because we refuse to accept more excuses in a world where 50,000 people die every day as a result of extreme poverty and the gap between rich and poor is getting wider.



We are standing because we want our leaders to honour their promises to meet the Millennium Development Goals – and we ask them to exceed these goals.

We join in solidarity with people from hundreds of countries to say: To the leaders of the wealthy countries – We urge you to keep your promises on poverty – debt cancellation, more and better aid, trade justice and gender equality.



To the leaders of poorer countries – make it your first responsibility to save the lives of your poorest citizens.

We ask you to tackle inequality, to be accountable to your people, to govern fairly and justly, to fight corruption and to fulfill human rights.



Today, and every day, we will STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against poverty.

We will continue the fight against poverty and inequality and to hold our leaders to their promises.

We are asking not for charity but for justice. We are millions of voices standing in solidarity to say, no more excuses - end poverty now.

Thank you for participating in this important action and taking part in history in the making. STAND UP events such as this are taking place today all over the world. Wherever you are, know that your action is critical in reminding world leaders to keep their promise to end extreme poverty by 2015. We are the first generation that can end extreme poverty; we must refuse to miss this historic opportunity!

Following Stand Up, the final numbers for the Guinness World Record attempt, as well as images of STAND UP actions from all over the world will be available to view at www.standagainstopoverty.org.



STAND UP & TAKE ACTION

How to PUBLICISE your event.

Getting some publicity for your STAND UP and TAKE ACTION event is a great way to raise public awareness of the issues. Your STAND UP event will reach a lot of people, but by getting media and social networking attention, it can reach a lot more!

There's a couple of different ways to do this.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has exploded over the last couple years. Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Myspace, etc are great ways to spread the word about your event and what you did for STAND UP and TAKE ACTION. It is also a great way to connect with MAKE POVERTY HISTORY and meet likeminded people and share ideas. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/endpovertynow>) and Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/makepovertyhistory/sets>), become friends with us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/makepovertyhistorycanada>), and subscribe to our channel on Youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/mphvideos>).

LOCAL MEDIA

When dealing with local media, emphasize the local angle. Simply put - if your story has no local relevance, the local media will not be interested. . Because you are talking about global poverty, this may not seem easy at first. But YOU are local. So are your schools, sports clubs, churches and universities. Use local personalities in your activities – the principal, mayor, local MP or other community leader. Local musicians, actors, and other well known personalities are often more than willing to participate.

Be responsive when dealing with the media. Remember journalists are on very tight deadlines, so you must be accommodating when they show interest in your event.

Here are some other points to keep in mind :

- ▶ Write and proof-read a media release. A template media release is available from www.makepovertyhistory.ca/standup
- ▶ Ensure the location, the date, and the time of your event is included, as well as your contact details and a contact name.
- ▶ Develop a list of media contacts that would be interested in the story.
- ▶ Call each media outlet on your list and send them the media release 4 or 5 days before the event.
- ▶ Try not to send out releases addressed just to a media outlet without a reporter's name. The more you target the right reporter or right section, the closer you are to finding the person most likely to be interested in your release. Don't be afraid to call up and ask who the right person is to send your release to.
- ▶ Follow up your media release the day after you send it. Phone the media outlet after you've sent through your group's release, and talk to the right person. Have the media release in front of you when you call.
- ▶ Appoint a spokesperson who can do interviews at the event.
- ▶ Appoint a contact person for any journalists or photographers who attend the event.
- ▶ Appoint someone to take high resolution photographs of the event, and obtain quotes from participants.
- ▶ Download media release template in the STAND UP campaign section of : www.makepovertyhistory.ca

We'd love to hear of any success you've had with your local media. Please feel free to let us know if you've had a picture, story or mention of your event published. You can send weblinks of online publishing to: info@makepovertyhistory.ca.



What are the Millennium Development Goals?

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 which respond to the world's main development challenges. The MDGs are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the Millennium Declaration that was adopted by 191 member countries of the United Nations, including Canada, during the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000.

This unprecedented global plan is a crucial step towards making poverty history.

But with 2015 less than a decade away, progress is too slow. Urgent action is needed if nations are to fulfill their promises. Some gains have been made, but no region in the world is on track to achieve all of the Goals. Some regions are off-track on many of them. New resources and new commitments are required if the world is to deliver on the promise made to the world's poor in the 2000 Millennium Declaration:

"We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanising conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected"

The eight MDGs break down into 21 quantifiable targets that are measured by 60 indicators.



1. eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. achieve universal primary education
3. promote gender equality and empower women
4. reduce child mortality
5. improve maternal health
6. combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. ensure environmental sustainability
8. develop a global partnership for development

The Millennium Development Goals :

- ♦ synthesise, in a single package, many of the most important commitments made separately at the international conferences and summits of the 1990s;
- ♦ recognise explicitly the interdependence between growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development
- ♦ acknowledge that development rests on the foundations of democratic governance, the rule of law, respect for human rights and peace and security
- ♦ are based on time-bound and measurable targets accompanied by indicators for monitoring progress;
- ♦ bring together, in the eighth Goal, the responsibilities of developing countries with those of developed countries



Positive Outcomes and future challenges



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Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

The number of people in developing countries living in extreme poverty, less than USD \$1.25 a day rose to 1.4 billion this year with pressures from the global financial crisis and the global food crisis. And this year for the first time in history, there are now over 1 billion people who are hungry. Progress made over the past decade is being reversed as you read this and our politicians aren't doing their part to stop it.



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Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education

There are 41 million more children in school than 10 years ago but there are still 72 million more to go.



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Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women

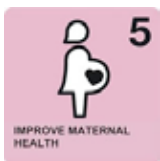
The proportion of women in non-agricultural wage employment increased from 43% in developing countries in 1990 to 47% in 2004



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Goal 4. Reduce child mortality

3 million more children survive each year since the MDGs were put in place in 2000, but more than 9 million children still die every year from preventable, treatable causes.



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Goal 5. Improve maternal health

Since 1990, every region has made progress in ensuring that women receive antenatal care at least once during their pregnancy. Even in sub-Saharan Africa, where the least progress has occurred, more than two thirds of women receive antenatal care at least one time during pregnancy. But 1 in every 16 mothers in Africa still die in childbirth compared to 1 in 4000 in industrialized countries.



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Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

3 million people now receive AIDs treatment. 2 million lives are saved every year by immunization. Polio, leprosy and neonatal tetanus are on the verge of elimination. From 2000 to 2006 measles deaths have dropped in sub Saharan Africa 90% from 400,000 annually to 40,000 3 million more people in developing countries now receive AIDs treatment, but there are still 7 million more to go



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Goal 7. Ensure Environmental sustainability

The proportion of protected areas globally has steadily increased, and a total of about 20 million square kilometers of land and sea were under protection by 2006.



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Goal 8. Develop a global partnership for development with a focus on fairer trade, debt relief and more and better aid

African economies have been growing at 6% for the past three years, but the global financial, food and climate crises threaten to undermine and reverse progress unless greater action is taken.

International aid has reached over \$100 billion (USD) per year since 2005. Civil society pressure has increased. In 2008, 116.9 million participants took part in STAND UP events across the world and 88 billion dollars of debt held by poor countries has been cancelled since 2000 though nearly half of it was in Iraq – Africa never receives such preferential treatment.



Universities and high schools.

There are over 2,000,000 students in high schools, colleges and universities across Canada and we are the first generation who, if we have the will, can really make poverty history in our lifetime. Students can be the driving force behind Stand Up and it would be entirely fitting because students have traditionally been at the forefront of public advocacy campaigns.

High schools are a great place to get students to take part in STAND UP. For the first STAND UP this group from the Okanagan Awareness Movement went back to their former high schools and got the principles to read the Stand Up pledge over the PA system and got teachers to distribute MAKE POVERTY HISTORY sign on sheets in their classrooms. Then, after the principle read the STAND UP pledge over the PA, the teachers counted the number of students that stood up and reported the numbers back to the principle also passing along the sign on sheets. Why can't we do this all across Canada.? If you're in school this is a great way to insert a STAND UP moment, or maybe you can get the principle to even organize a special assembly. If you're out of school you can go back to your former high school and talk to a teacher or principle and see if they'd be willing to take part in this historic opportunity.

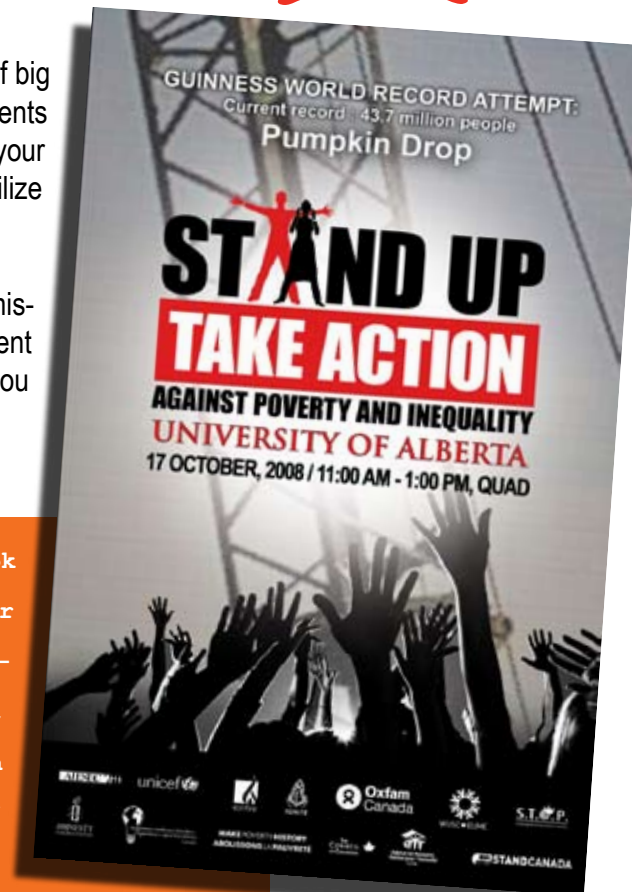
Universities and colleges are also a great place to get students to take part in STAND UP. A couple of workable ideas that different groups are focusing on:

After getting permission from the different professors, go to a number of big classes at school and read the STAND UP pledge and then ask students who agree to STAND UP. Then you can take a picture and record your numbers. Groups that have done this in the past have been able to mobilize hundreds of students, sometimes in as little as 15 minutes.

Many post secondary schools have sports teams. If you can get permission to read the STAND UP pledge over the PA system at a sports event with hundreds or thousands in attendance, in a short amount of time you can get big numbers of people to STAND UP without too much effort.

Last year a little over 80,000 people in Canada took part in STAND UP. Students could easily double or triple these numbers. "When the end of poverty arrives, as it can and should in our own generation, it will be citizens in a million communities in rich and poor countries alike, rather than a handful of political leaders, who will have turned the tide."

Jeffrey D. Sachs



MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Calling All Faith Communities:

HOW TO STAND UP AND TAKE ACTION

during FAITH GATHERINGS from Fri Oct 16 to Sun Oct 18

1. **Insert Stand Up into your worship service**
from Friday October 16 to Sunday October 18.

Register your Stand Up participation beforehand at
www.standagainstopoverty.org.

Sing, talk and pray about ending poverty during your service.

2. **Choose someone to read the Stand Up pledge**

located on page 6 of this kit either during your service or at the end of your worship service.

3. **When the Stand Up pledge is read,**

ask everyone to stand up (or participate in whatever way they can).

4. **Count how many people stand up**

and enter the number in at www.standagainstopoverty.org. *Make sure to submit your count of how many stood up on October 16, 17 or 18.

5. **Provide opportunities after the service for members to sign**

onto the Make Poverty History campaign. Sign on sheets are available to download at: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/downloads/mph-sign-on-sheet.pdf>

If you have a live internet connection, you can sign online at
<http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca>.

6. **Please share with us your Stand Up experience.**

If you take any pictures or if you film your event, please send us a copy!

Worship Themes

Important international days that you could connect your worship service to:

- ▶ **October 16** is World Food Day
- ▶ **October 17** is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- ▶ **October 24** is the International Day of Climate Action.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: On climate change and poverty:

Please see the following KAIROS resource in PDF format at:

http://www.kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/Get__involved/climate_poverty_actionresource_0809.pdf

Check out KAIROS' 4-page Kyotoplus petition in PDF format at:

http://www.kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/Get__involved/kyotoplus_petition_0809.pdf for more ways your church can get involved.

For additional faith resources on more issues related to poverty, please have a look at Christian Aid's engaging website at:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/index.aspx>

Christian Aid has also produced a slideshow presentation (with speaker notes) on poverty issues that you can download and use to make a presentation to your faith community. You can download this resource here at:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/in-church/index.aspx>

Some Prayer Ideas

Creator God,

You loved the world into life.

Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty.

Incarnate God,

you taught us to speak out for what is right.

Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more.

Breath of God,

let there be abundant life.

Inspire us with the vision of poverty over, and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.

God of the impossible,

we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation.

And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today.

Amen

(from Christian Aid, United Kingdom)

Thank you, God, for bread

And give bread to those who are hungry,

And hunger for justice to those of us who have bread.

Thank you, God, for bread. Amen.

Latin American Prayer *(from Micah Challenge Canada)*

God of justice,

Your Son Jesus Christ showed solidarity with the poor, the weak and the vulnerable,

Give us the courage to do the same.

As homes are destroyed and lives and livelihoods are lost, help us to work for justice for the world's poor.

God of power,

Time is running out.

Help us to reverse the tide of impending disaster,

And to play a part in your future.

God of hope,

In you we find abundant life.

May we work as a matter of urgency

To choose life over death and to bring that life to your world.

God of love,

Remind us that you are with us as we seek to

live differently, challenge us to see how our actions can change the world,

Be with us as we act in your name.

Amen

(from Christian Aid, United Kingdom)



Now Join us on the Journey to the G8 Summit in Canada!

BEYOND STAND UP

June 25-27 2010 are 3 big days for Canadians. When the world's richest leaders gather at a resort in Muskoka, our Prime Minister will be the host. Host countries of G8 meetings have a lot of say in setting the tone of each meeting. This is our chance to show the world that Canada is intent on Making Poverty History. Over the next months, we need your help to get a loud and clear message through to our political leaders about what needs to be done. We urge you to stay involved with us from StandUp through to the G8 Summit. The more people onboard, the more of us working together, the more noise we can make to ensure that real and positive change comes out of the 2010 G8.

LET'S MAKE CANADA A LEADER AGAIN ON THE WORLD STAGE!

The 2010 G8 marks an important deadline. At the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles, UK, major commitments were made by the richest countries to the world's poorest. These promises are falling due on Canada's watch and we will need to step up to the challenge to make sure the G8 keeps its word

Over the upcoming months, we will be unpacking the major issues facing the 2010 G8 Summit:

- ▶ Food security
- ▶ Climate change and poverty
- ▶ Maternal and child health
- ▶ HIV and AIDS
- ▶ Poverty Reduction: Development and International financial reform
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Labour issues



As details become finalized, we will be posting information up on the G8 campaign section of our website.

Please keep checking <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/g8> to stay updated on activities leading up to the 2010 G8 in June and find out how you and your networks can get involved.



MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.ca

"Poverty does not belong in a civilized human society. Its proper place is in a museum. That's where it will be. When schoolchildren go with their teachers and tour the poverty museums, they will be horrified to see the misery and indignity of human beings. They will blame their forefathers for tolerating this inhumane condition and for allowing it to continue in such a large segment of population until the early part of the twenty-first century."

-Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Laureate.