



**Northern Illinois Conference Champions for Children Training Event**  
**PRESS Forward for Children**  
***(Confronting the Physical, Racial, Economic, Spiritual, and Social Dynamics of Poverty)***

**April 9, 2016**

**Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church in Schaumburg**  
**Rita L. Smith, Presenter on Education**  
**Retired Chicago Public School Administrator**



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# Poverty Exists

*Urban*

*Suburbs*

*Rural*

# Barriers

## Education/Church

### *Same or Different*

- Funding
- Language
- Parent Participation
- Others

# What can the church do?

- \*Children are Peacemakers  
(Bishop's Grant from Resurrection UMC)
- \*Urban Strategy – Safe Haven  
Program
- \*Member(s) from one the sites
- \*A volunteer from Bishop Dyck's Call

# ***Sharing of Best Practices and Programs***

\*United Methodist Women Mission  
Studies

\*Local Churches

\*Children's Defense Fund

\*Others

# Action Plan

What? (program/project)

Who? (target group, leadership)

Where?

(church/school/community)

When? (time-line)

How? (necessary steps,  
resources, partnerships, support  
groups, etc.)