

likely to be poor and without access to school, decent employment or public services. In traditional development strategies, conflict is often excluded or not understood as a cross-cutting barrier to all Millennium Development Goals.

Poverty and conflict together are the principal causes of migration, as refugees flee their countries in search of a better life for themselves and their families. In order to halt this phenomenon, we must work together to find solutions, improving local conditions for men, women and children.

Many things are required to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: raising awareness of the problems; availability of data on youth and poverty; realization that poverty and hunger are not confined to third world and developing countries; youth involvement in the design and implementation of poverty reduction strategies; a commitment to address diverse youth needs in rural and urban areas; and youth leadership in combating graft and corruption.

What Can I Do?

Join us in Rome from 1-4 May for the Convocation of American Churches in Europe's Youth Across Europe weekend:

Hungry for Christ

Events being planned:

- **Work with refugees at the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center**
- **Share a meal, music and Christian fellowship with Latin American economic migrants**
- **Help out in a Caritas soup kitchen**
- **Visit to or presentation by UN agency**
- **First ever U2 Eucharist in Rome!**

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Youth Across Europe

at

St. Paul's Within the Walls, Rome

Ascension weekend,

1st – 4th May 2008

Please fill in the registration form overleaf
and return to:

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*NB: Registration fees of €30
will be covered by the Convocation.*

Registration Form:

Youth / Leader *(delete as appropriate)*

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Parents / Guardians

Names: _____

Emergency Contact Numbers:

I hereby give my consent for my child/ward to attend the Youth Across Europe event in Rome, Italy, from May 1-4, 2008:

Signed: _____

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty

Target 1: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day

Target 2: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

What are the Millennium Development Goals?

At the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000, 189 Heads of State and Governments pledged to work together to make a better world for all by 2015.

On behalf of their people, they signed the Millennium Declaration which promises to free men, women and children from the dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty and make the right to development a reality for everyone! Eight Millennium Development Goals were adopted, committing rich and poor countries to work together in a global partnership to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school, promote gender equality, improve the health of mothers and children, reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, and protect the environment -- all by 2015.

Development is about freedom from misery and suffering, from hunger, from illiteracy, from disease, from poor housing and insecurity. The absence of respect, dignity and choice is what poverty is all about.

Each goal has been designed so that it is easy to understand, easy to implement and easy to measure. Given all of the resources, technology and

know-how our governments have at their disposal, it shouldn't be a problem to achieve these goals by 2015, should it?

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty

Poverty affects young people in a striking and personal manner. A young girl in Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, living in extreme poverty cannot attend school because she needs to fetch water for her family. For this girl, poverty cuts across all needs; even if water is available, her family of six does not have the US \$5 per month necessary to pay for her school fees. Further still, if her family could afford to pay, she may only have the option of reaching the fifth grade.

Young people living in poverty lack access to opportunities for economic growth. A young person in South East Asia may grow up with a strong family support system and enough food to eat, but might never find decent work because of a weak local economy. It must be stressed that the effects of "poverty of opportunity" are felt in various sectors such as health, education, housing and personal safety.

Poverty threatens social stability to the point of war. Youth in conflict and post conflict zones are more