



## Turning the Tide on Poverty

### From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario

A movie produced by the Anglican Church of Canada

*Followed by a lively panel discussion with community  
leaders on local initiatives*

*"What has been done? What still needs to be done"*

*Friday, April 25, 2014*

*at Trinity United Church*

*461 Park Avenue, Newmarket*

*7:00 pm—9:30 pm*

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You are welcome to attend the event we have planned for April 25<sup>th</sup> in the hope that we may learn about what has been done and what may be done to address the troubling problem of poverty in our community. We know that there are hungry and homeless people in our community, and we are searching for ways to help them, because adequate food and shelter are basic human rights.

Kairos York Region and Freedom90

*"We cannot build prosperity on the backs of the poor"*

The movie "From Charity to Advocacy" is a short documentary which was produced by the Anglican Diocese. Lori Yaccato, a member of our York Region Kairos group, obtained a copy to be shown at a Kairos meeting, and after discussion with Freedom90 members, we decided to extend an invitation to all faith groups and others who might be interested in viewing it, and taking part in a discussion, led by three panelists who are active in the issues of poverty and homelessness, and in our local community.

The hope is that the event will increase public awareness of the problem of poverty, and will encourage an understanding that it is the responsibility of society as a whole to address the issue of poverty instead of shifting responsibility to volunteers, charities, and under-resourced food banks. We also hope that some fresh ideas will come from this for advocacy and actions. We encourage some who are experiencing hunger and homelessness first-hand to attend and offer their point of view.

Our three panelists are: John Taylor – Regional Councillor; Yvonne Kelly for Freedom90 and minimum wage campaign; Debora Kelly – York Region Media Group for homelessness and vice-president of board for Belinda's Place (Women's shelter).

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

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