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Follow the ministry of the **Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness**. We are a national organization of Presbyterians focusing on ending homelessness in the United States. Our website and Facebook pages contain resources, ideas, stories and various ways congregations can connect with others to end homelessness. [www.pnteh.net](http://www.pnteh.net)

### Take Action!

**Become** an Advocate! Contact your elected officials and find out what they are doing to end homelessness in your communities. **Research** the availability of affordable housing is in your community. **Begin** something new! Congregations are exploring ways to provide affordable housing, and many are partnering with existing programs to strengthen the housing opportunities. **Be** with those who are homeless. **Find** out their hopes and dreams and walk with them along their journey. Listen to their stories, and **share** your own.

### Support!

Join the Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness. Support the One Great Hour of Sharing. Participate in Congregation-Based Community Organizing. CBCO groups tackle the issues of homelessness and affordable housing in their communities. Churches, schools, unions, and non-profit organization carry their values into public life, influencing policy so that their communities are compassionate and those in power are held accountable. Through a percentage of your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, PHP provides funding for this work.

### Pray!

Read Isaiah 58: 6 -  
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