



Partners for a Prosperous Athens

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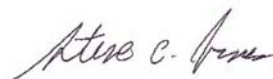
Greetings:

Since the beginning of PPA we have known that the faith community is essential to broadening our understanding of poverty and to building the support necessary for success. Thus far you have been there when we have called. It looks as if the meetings of clergy that grew out of our first gathering are going to continue. The meetings of ministers and employers have resulted in a program, Jobs for Life, that promises to lift up individuals that have been left behind by giving them the confidence and skills to succeed. This initiative is a success; graduating its first class, finding jobs for participants and beginning a second class. Most importantly this program demonstrates the power of ministers and employers working together with those in greatest need.

Now I am asking for the most powerful help you can give. We need your prayers. On February 16-17 the steering committee will retreat to craft the initial strategy to begin the process of breaking the cycle of poverty. This will be hard work but work vital to the future of Athens-Clarke County. We need all the help we can get, especially the help that prayer can give. We have scheduled a prayer breakfast for Tuesday, February 6th from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the New College room at the Holiday Inn. We are inviting you, your associate ministers, and anyone else you wish to bring to join us for this hour of prayer.

So that we can plan, we are asking that you confirm your attendance and the number of your guests to Sandy Christopher of the PPA staff. Please contact her at christopher@fanning.uga.edu or 706-542-8905. Even if you cannot be with us on the 6th, please keep PPA in your prayers.

Sincerely,



Steve C. Jones

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