



## Moving Forward in Faith: Organizing for Justice in 2011

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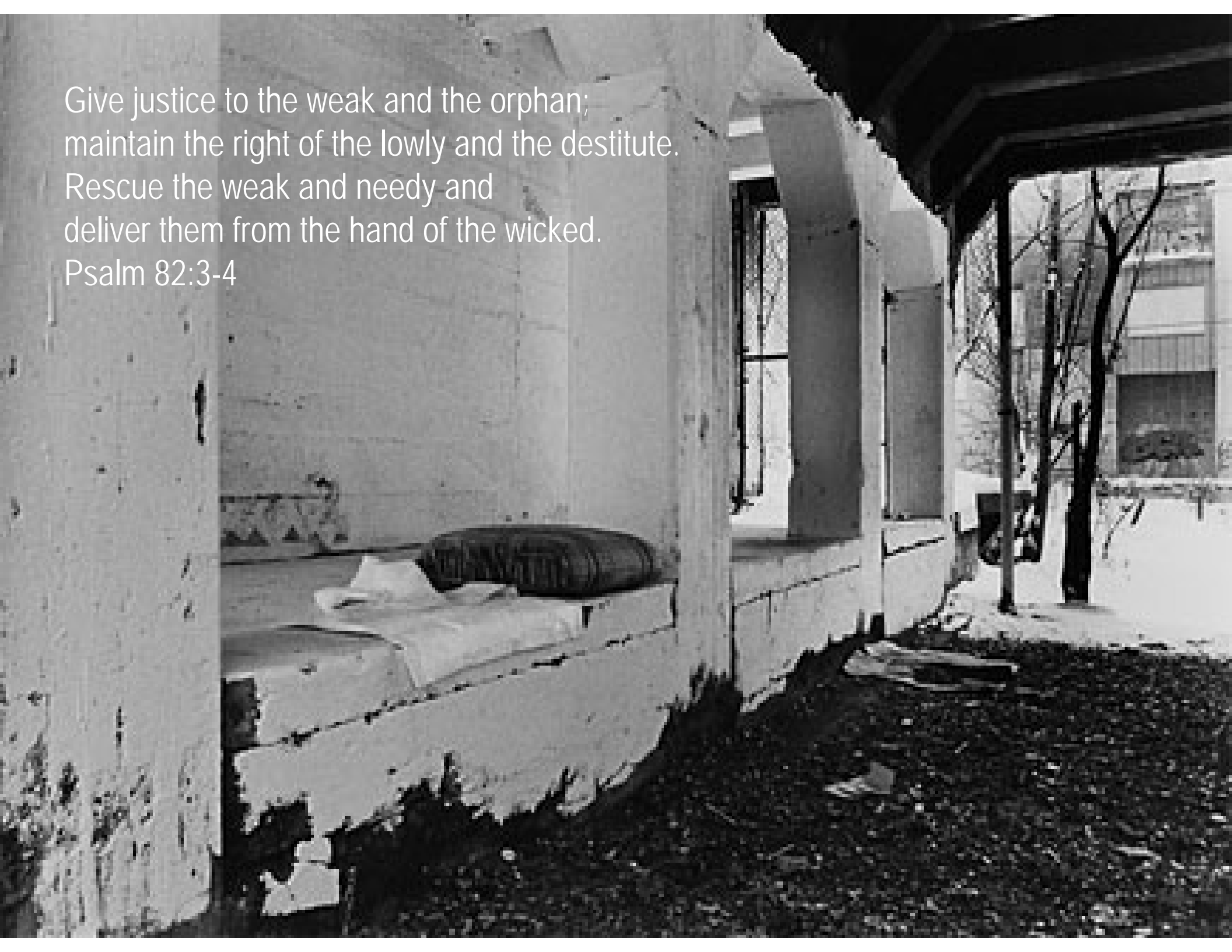
**Panel:**

**Jenny Mason, Plymouth Church  
Neighborhood Foundation**

**Heidi Johnson Mcallister, Downtown  
Congregations to End Homelessness**

**Elizabeth Olson,  
Churches United in Ministry**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.  
Rescue the weak and needy and  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.  
Psalm 82:3-4



## Question for Discussion:

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How is the need for affordable housing showing up in your community?

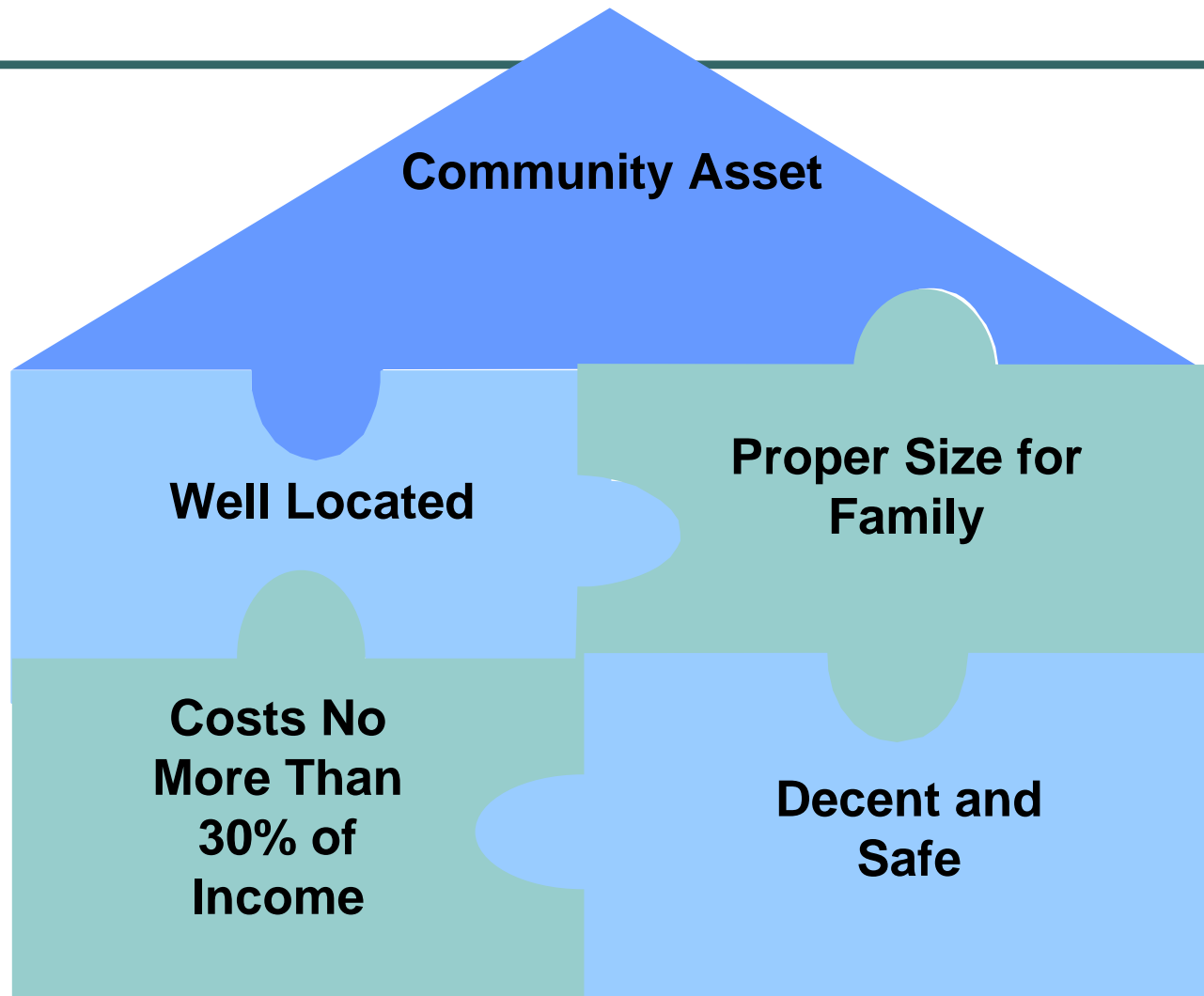
## **Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing**

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- **MICAH is an organization of 150 interfaith congregations working toward a vision where everyone without exception has a safe, decent and affordable home.**
- **How? Through networks of leaders from congregations throughout the metro area organized through chapters working to change the political climate and public policy.**

affordable housing is:

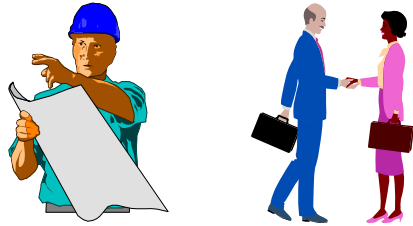
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# Affordable Housing Plays an Important Role in the State's Future

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## Current population



**Workers need decent, safe affordable housing that is well located in relation to their job.**

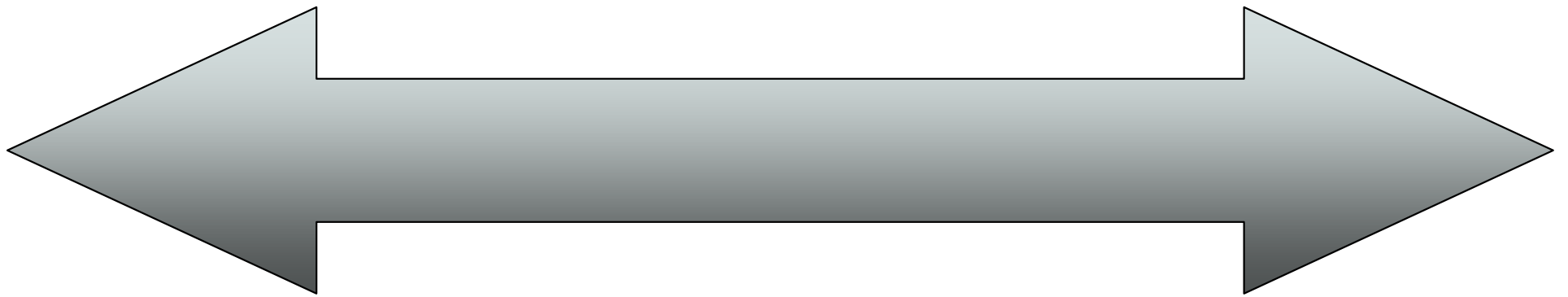
## Future generations



**Children do better in school when they have stable housing.**

# Spectrum of housing

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Emergency Shelter

Supportive Housing – housing with services

Affordable Rental

Affordable Ownership

# Barriers to affordable housing

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- Lack of funding for new construction
- Community attitudes
- Zoning practices
- Large minimum lot size
- Low densities
- 2 car garage requirements
- Types of building materials
- Prolonged review periods

# Essential Elements

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- Persistence
- Relationships
- Support from leadership
- Defined action
- Examples of importance of housing



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**Recommendation or suggestion for  
the whole conference**