Homelessness Reflection Guide

Definition:

It is important to recognize that understanding homelessness requires a grasp of several social issues: poverty, affordable housing, disability, and others. Homelessness is simply when people or households are unable to acquire and/or maintain housing they can afford.

Statistics:

There are 643,067 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the United States.

12 percent of the homeless population are veterans.

About 25 percent of the homeless population has serious mental illness, including chronic depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia.

46 percent of homeless respondents reported having an alcohol use problem in the past year.

What is the best method of dealing with this issue?

Taking into consideration the above characteristics of a homeless person (addicted,

mentally ill, veteran, African-American), do you think we as Christians have an obligation to care for these individuals?

What Now: Resources for Further Engagement

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