

Finding Home in the House of God

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How do religion and spirituality impact the experience of homelessness and poverty?

- Positive correlation (Lovett and Weisz, 2002)
- 14 out of 14 people in recovery from homelessness and addiction reported positive results from religious involvement
- New and increased positivity toward self and community
- Negative correlations between conservative religious individuals and those who see poverty as individualistic (Malka, Lelkes, et. al., 2012)



What resources do religious organizations provide to the homeless and impoverished?

- Material resources
- Spiritual outlets
- Community outlets
- Hope for the future

How are religion and the common good related to homelessness and poverty?

- Religious individuals are more likely to be guided to a moral and humble lifestyle
- Experiencing homelessness and poverty increases compassion and support for more aid (Pichon, 2009)
- An interest in the lives of others and helping them to flourish equally
- Common good strives for sustainable solutions