

Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador

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Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Sikh, and United Church worshippers
committed to ending the injustice of poverty

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The Honourable Tom Marshall
Premier
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Confederation Building, East Block
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Dear Premier Marshall,

Today I was pleased to read on twitter from MHA Stephen Kent that it is international Open Data day. He posed a question asking what government data would persons like at their disposal. I am writing on behalf of the Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador (RSACNL). This coalition has membership from various religious organizations and is a voice of consciousness and moral persuasion for the elimination of poverty in our society. We are engaged in a number of initiatives directed at advocating for policy changes toward poverty elimination, including, but not limited to, Living Wage, a Fairness Prism in the Provincial Legislature, and the implementation of an indexed Minimum Wage in this province.

As a member of the RSACNL I was very pleased to listen to your first speech as premier, and how you quoted Leviticus, and established a standard that emphasizes justice and the care of the vulnerable in society.

Today, I would like to request data pertaining to this province in relation to poverty statistics, income levels, CPI, MBM, and taxation for NL from 2010 to the present day.

These pieces of information will greatly enhance our work as we continue to advocate for change that will close the gap between the rich and the poor, as we continue to work toward the elimination of poverty in society.

Yours Truly,

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