



Teaching Leaflet

Legacies of Care Lesson Five: The Church's Response

“Responses in Recent History”

	Great Depression	WWII	1960s	1970s	1980 – 2000
<i>The poor</i>	All are poor, great equalizer; no “worthy” or “unworthy” poor	Returns to class system; economy rebounds with war	Divide b/t rich and poor increases; African Americans are disenfranchised	Gulf widens; mentally ill put on streets; homelessness escalates	Poverty increases; now have “generational poverty”
<i>Care for the poor</i>	Gov’t systems fail; individuals/ churches provide care as they are able	Fed gov’t increasingly provides care	Fed. gov’t carries primary responsibility	Reagan slashes social welfare budgets, creates “New Poor”	Gov’t & church share uneasy alliance, but gov’t still primary
<i>Culture</i>	Massive economic ruin; migration to West	Great prosperity after WWII	Anti-authoritarianism, racial tensions, anti-Vietnam war	Watergate, Iran Hostage, gas shortages, recession, Moral Majority, family values	Family values, anti-gay issues, distrust of government
<i>Leadership/ Legislation</i>	FDR’s New Deal puts nation back to work; Works Projects Adm., Civilian Cons. Corps	FDR’s programs continue	Assassination of key leaders (JFK, MLK, RFK); LBJ institutes second wave of welfare reform with his Great Society	Reaganomics calls for decreased gov’t provision for poor	Faith-based Initiative Office in DC; TANF, welfare-to-work programs

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