



**SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPIONS:** The impacts of living in poverty will be stressed in the PC caucus at Queen's Park by Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott (third from left) following a recent meeting hosted by the Reverend Brian Galligan of St. Alban's Church (second from right). Also in attendance were the Reverend Susan Wilson (left) of All Saints Anglican Church in Erin, Cathy Gerrow of Links2Care, and local social justice advocate Jennifer Gerrard. - Submitted photo

# Social Justice focus

The impacts of living in poverty – hunger, homelessness, isolation – among others will be highlighted at Queen's Park by Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott who made the promise after attending a recent meeting at an Acton church.

As part of a broader call for social justice by Anglicans throughout Ontario, the Reverend Brian Galligan invited Arnott to a meeting at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church

with Cathy Gerrow, the Links2Care Community Support Program Coordinator, Jennifer Gerrard, a local social justice advocate, and the Reverend Susan Wilson from All Saints Anglican Church in Erin.

Arnott responded to many concerns that the group raised including the impact of living in poverty, lack of affordable housing, inadequate public transport, lack of access to nutritious food and consequent im-

impact on health, the need to increase social assistance with indexation to inflation and the disparity between the minimum wage and an actual living wage.

The need for a shared response by church and community groups, as well as by Government, was agreed upon, and Arnott committed himself to having all of the group's concerns presented for discussion within the Ontario Progressive Conservative caucus at Queen's Park.

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