

## **Anne Hagler**

The Rev. Anne R. Hagler is the pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Akron, Ohio. The congregation is small and struggling, as are many mainline churches. Our current membership is 110. The congregation is made up of both blue collar workers and white collar professionals, some of whom have lost their jobs due to down-sizing of their companies or out-sourcing of their jobs. She is also involved in the community in a number of ways, including membership on the Boards of the American Friends Service Committee's Economic Justice and Empowerment program and the Hunger Network in Ohio. In addition, she participates in her denomination's efforts to bring about peace, feed the hungry, and change those systems that keep people poor. About five years ago, she got involved in forming a group that calls itself the Akron Global Network, a small organization of individuals trying to combat globalization on a local level.