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A Valuable Tool

The Cooperative Extension Service in Washington State just completed a conference on establishing guidelines for low-income programs. We examined a variety of issues regarding Extension's role and potential for low-income work, and made some specific commitments for work in this area. A valuable tool in the conference was your article and questionnaire, "Poverty: Are You Part of the Problem or Solution?" published in the July/August, 1975, issue of the *Journal of Extension*.

Prior to the conference, some of the county chairmen throughout the state used the questionnaire with their county

staff. Supervising agents also used the questionnaire with paraprofessional aides for discussions of attitudes and values. We were then requested by county staff members to include the article and questionnaire in the conference. As a result, the questionnaire was distributed on the first day and discussed on the final day. Many chairmen expressed their desire to use the instrument with their county staff, and found it most helpful in analyzing their own values.

I appreciate the development of such an instrument. We found the entire article insightful, useful, and adaptable to a variety of situations.

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