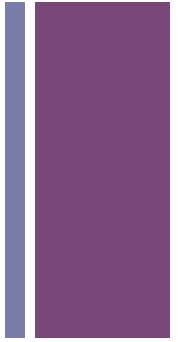




# Direct Service Volunteer Training: Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness

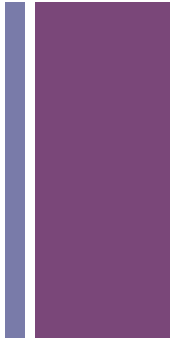


Questions for  
Conversation: What  
has impacted you  
from your  
volunteering recently?  
What impressed you  
from the tour of the  
Restoration Center?



# + Agenda

- Welcome!
- Heading Home Hennepin
- Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness
- Ending Homelessness vs. Managing Homelessness
- Structure of the DCEH
- Ways to Get Involved
- Open Forum Conversation





## Psalm Prayer

Lift up your hearts; God has loved you with a tenderness beyond words. Our God has remembered your faithfulness and put aside you sin.

Lift up your hearts; God has called you, believing in your goodness. God has given you a new season of hope and cast aside despair.

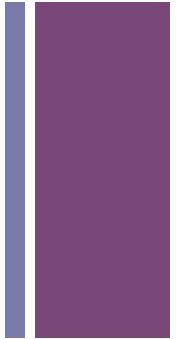
Lift up your hearts; for God's word will not return empty our void. It will accomplish the task for which it was set.

Lift up your hearts; for God's Word is alive within us, and we are unable to be silent. We will sing the truth with our every breath.

We lift up our hearts to our God; for we have known full well God's justice and mercy. What return can we make for all God's goodness?

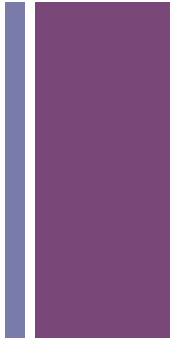
We will lift up our hearts and reach out our hands to the poor.

-Inspired by Psalm50





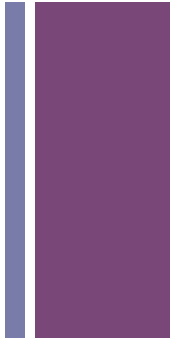
# Heading Home Hennepin



- Vision
  - By the year 2016, all people facing homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County will have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing, and the resources and supports needed to sustain it.
- Mission
  - To end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County by 2016.



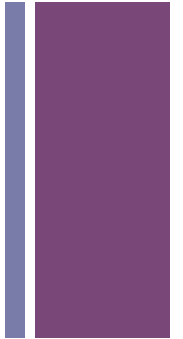
# Heading Home Hennepin



- Prevention
- Outreach
- Housing
- Service Delivery Improvement
- Self-support Capacity Building
- Systems Improvement



# Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness



## ■ **Our Vision**

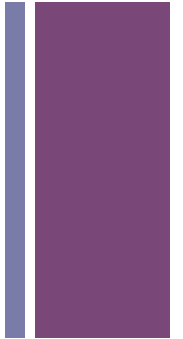
- Everyone has access to safe decent and affordable housing in Minneapolis

## ■ **Our Mission**

- To engage our congregations and communities in the work to end homelessness



# Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness



- **Our Goals**

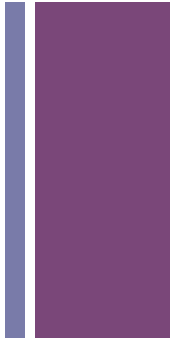
- Inspire: Call people to take action based on religious values
- Educate: Strengthen awareness of the issues of homelessness and appropriate solutions
- Advocate: Build the public will for policy change
- Serve: Coordinate delivery of services among congregations

- **Values**

- Every person has inherent dignity
- Housing is a Human Right
- Our commitment to the common good requires us to take action to end homelessness
- Interfaith collaboration



# Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness

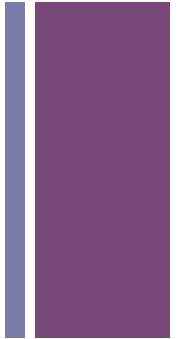


- [Augustana Lutheran Church](#)
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- [Gethsemane Episcopal Church](#)
- [Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church](#)
- [Masjid An-Nur](#)
- [Masid Al-Ikhlās](#)
- [Plymouth Congregational Church](#)
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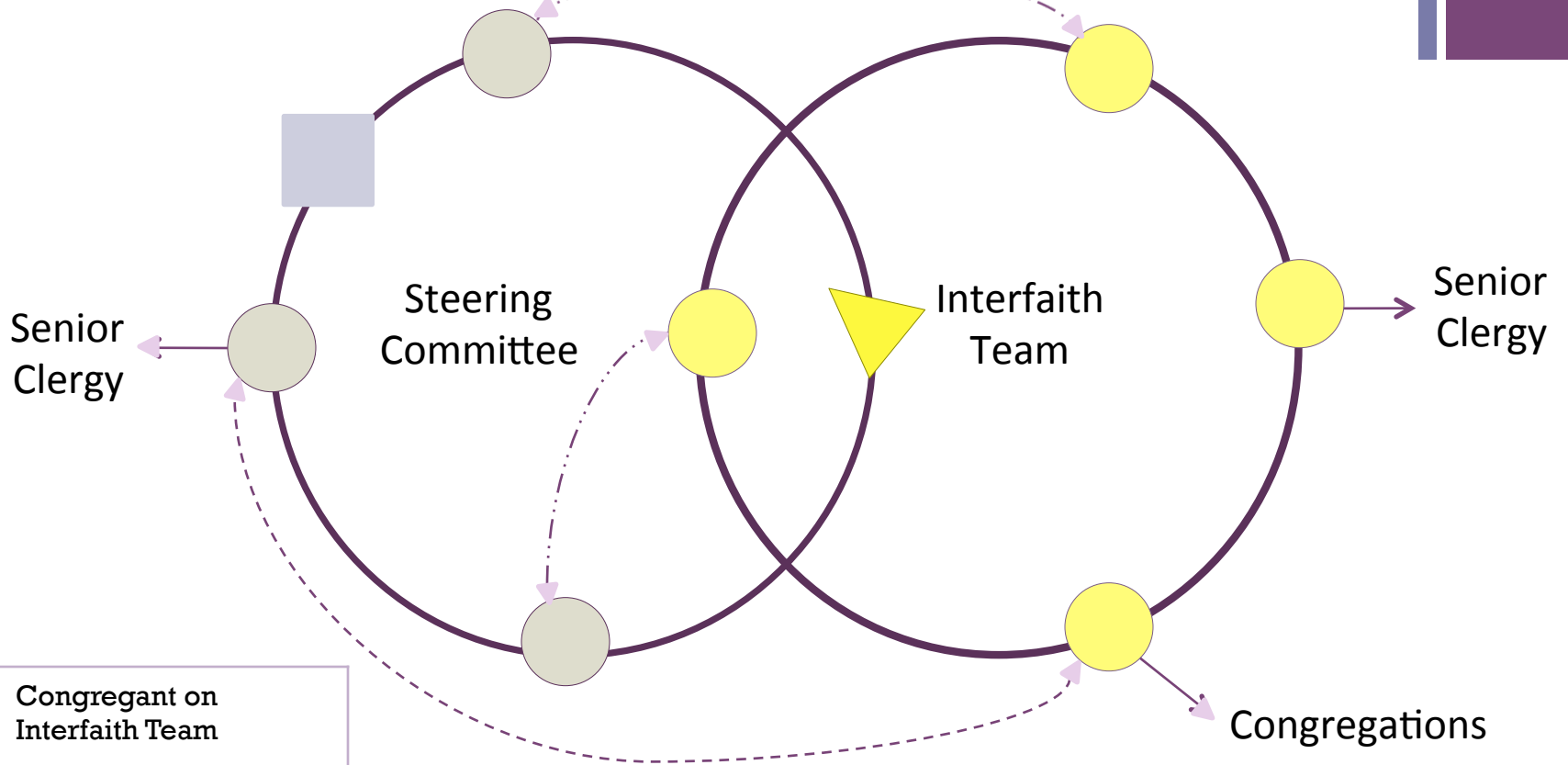
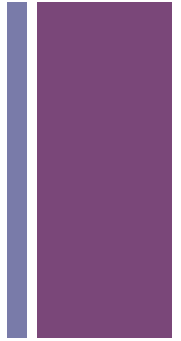
## Accomplishments of the DCEH







- Together with businesses and Hennepin County, the DCEH faith communities financially supported the Currie Avenue Partnership, which has housed over 200 people.
- DCEH has made over 1,000 contacts with legislators: visiting, writing, calling regarding homelessness policy
- Governor Dayton spoke to over 330 advocates at the beginning of the 2011 session. 150 people stayed and learned advocacy skills.
- We instigated a Community Conversation about Panhandling that involved more than 350 people.
- Our congregations hold an annual Sabbath to End Homelessness that focuses on educating congregants about housing and homelessness, engaging them in ways they can advocate, learn, or volunteer.
- Yearly, our members attend a Day On the Hill to meet with their legislators and discuss homelessness and poverty.



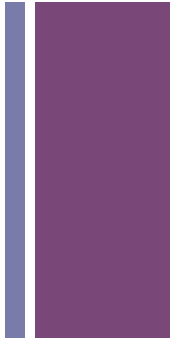
# Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness



-  Congregant on Interfaith Team
-  Staff of congregation Steering Committee
-  Staff/Director
-  Heading Home Hennepin Advisor



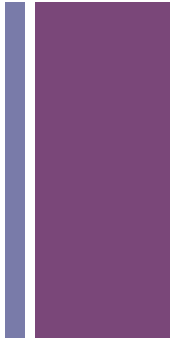
# Indicators for **MANAGING** homelessness within **DCEH** direct service programs



- Little emphasis on developing mutual relationships.
- Alleviating suffering related to an immediate crisis.
- No required ongoing commitment to working with the congregational plan. (Not having a “next step” in place)
- Addresses individual’s need for a thing, but not the ongoing need in community. (It fulfills an individual’s need but no long term positive effect in the community).
- Crisis centered.
- Short term solution to problem.



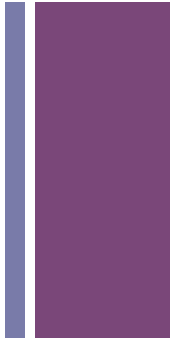
# Indicators for **ENDING** homelessness within **DCEH** direct service programs



- Equip participants with support and tools to sustain a stable lifestyle. (Empowerment)
- A required ongoing commitment to working with the congregations program. (Next step)
- A lot of emphasis on developing a mutual relationship.
- Structural change occurs in an individual's life that assures them stability. (Breaking the cycle)
- Requiring the person participating in the program to create personal goals.
- Requiring the participant to complete Education or Training program within the congregation.
- The impetus of the problems being solved is coming from the participant. (They have a stake in it, investment)
- Having an accountability component to the program.
- Satisfies the need in the broader community as well the individuals.
- Working toward a system change in the broader community. (Transforming social order)



# Get Involved: We Need You!



Be involved in the community

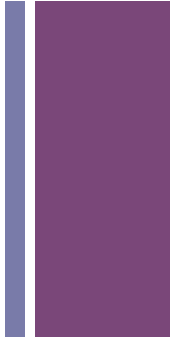
Advocate *Volunteer*

*Give*

Be  
informed



## Question for Conversation



What's the future of creating  
and delivering the greater  
good?