

# **UU DETROIT SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS**

**ACCEPTED BY BOARD JUNE 2019**

OUR CHURCH AND OUR PRINCIPLES REQUIRE THAT WE PROVIDE AID, COMFORT, AND SANCTUARY TO THOSE IN NEED WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR RESOURCES, WE MUST CONSIDER WHAT WE AS A CHURCH CAN REALISTICALLY DO TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS WHEN THEY ENTER OUR CHURCH

**BASIC RECOMMENDATIONS AID AND ASSIST THE HOMELESS:**

1. SHELTERS: REFER THE HOMELESS TO SHELTERS WHEN EVER POSSIBLE.
  - POST UPDATED LIST OF SHELTERS IN THE MID-TOWN AREA THAT ARE OPEN ON SUNDAY.
  - EACH SHELTER LISTED SHOULD INDICATE WHAT SERVICES IT PROVIDES, AND THE REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THOSE SERVICES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION.
2. SHARE OUR FOOD AND COFFEE/WATER WITH RESPECT AND GRACE.
3. CLOTHING- IN THE FALL OF EACH YEAR CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD BE ASKED TO DONATE BLANKETS AND CLOTHES FOR OUR EMERGENCY BOX WHICH WILL BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE. WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS TO DONATE A FEW ITEMS SUCH AS SMALL WARM BLANKETS, WINTER HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SOCKS, SWEAT PANTS, SWEAT SHIRTS, SANI-WIPES, AND HAND CLEANSER TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS NEEDED. IT'S SUGGESTED THAT DONATED ITEMS BE NEW.
4. CALLING THE POLICE.

THE POLICE SHOULD ONLY BE CALLED WHEN SOMEONE IS DISRUPTIVE AND/OR POSES A GENUINE DANGER TO THE CONGREGATION. IF ANYONE REFUSES TO LEAVE WHEN THE CHURCH CLOSSES, THE POLICE SHOULD BE CALLED.

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:**

- THERE SHOULD BE NO SOLICITATION FOR MONEY ON CHURCH PROPERTY.
- CHURCH PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE USED TO STORE GROCERY CARTS AND LARGE BUNDLES OF THE BELONGINGS OF THE HOMELESS.
- PEOPLE SEEKING HELP SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.

## RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS: ADDENDUM June 2019

### SHELTERS

ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION SHELTERS WITHIN THE MIDTOWN AREA REQUIRE A PREVIOUS REFERRAL THROUGH AN AGENCY CALLED **CAM** (COORDINATED ASSESSMENT MODEL), AND HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR THOSE REQUESTING SERVICES. HELP FOR INDIVIDUAL WALK-INS IS VERY LIMITED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SHELTERS IN OR NEAR MIDTOWN THAT ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS FROM 9 AM -3 PM AND WILL ASSIST INDIVIDUAL WALK-INS IN SOME CAPACITY:

#### 1. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ORGANIZATION

3430 THIRD AVE. DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48201  
(313) 832-3100

OPEN 24/7 AND WILL ASSIST TEMPORARY WALK-INS ON SUNDAY WITH A WARM MEAL. HOWEVER, IF THEY NEED A SHELTER OR ANY OTHER SERVICES, THEY WILL FIRST HAVE TO GO THROUGH **CAM**, WHICH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ONLY AND CAN BE CONTACTED AT 313-305-0311. **CAM** HAS THREE LOCATIONS: 23 ADAMS ST., 3430 THIRD AVE. (FOR SINGLE MALES ONLY), AND 1600 PORTER (WHICH IS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ONLY).

#### 2. DETROIT RESCUE MISSION

3535 THIRD AVE. DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48201  
(313) 993-6703

OPEN 24/7 AND IS FOR **MALES ONLY**. DRMM REQUIRES THAT CLIENTS MUST BE REFERRED BY **CAM**, HOWEVER, IF WALK-INS SHOW UP AT NIGHT, THEY CAN STAY FOR THE NIGHT AND CONTACT **CAM** THE NEXT DAY.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ANYONE CAN COME FOR A FREE MEAL AT 12:30 PM OR 5 PM 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**TRANSPORTATION-** THERE IS NO FREE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS IN MIDTOWN ON SUNDAYS

**MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**