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Neighbors at the Table

Ecclesia Ministries wants to help you be there for your neighbors.

People who have previously experienced homelessness are moving into housing in many parts of Metro Boston, and they need the support of a community to make the transition successfully.

Please contact us to find out how you and other members of your congregation can develop the skills to support people who are struggling with these issues right in your own community – through a new initiative called Neighbors at the Table.

Through this initiative, a group of people from your congregation may partner with the residents of a building near you, where people are being housed, to get to know them and help them to know each other, and to make a commitment to journey with them.

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We made it to the Top!



A glorious fall day for our 2nd Annual Blue Hills Fundraising Hike in October.

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Forming spiritual community with unhoused people since 1994.

WHO ARE "THE HOMELESS"

When you hear the word "HOMELESS", does it conjure up a particular picture in your mind? Perhaps when you hear that word, you see a wrinkled, disheveled man with long beard and scraggly hair, tattered clothing, and a paper cup in his hand. Perhaps the homeless man in your mind has a large backpack or a shopping cart. The word itself has come to be used so easily to describe a group who share a condition, we forget that "homeless" is actually an adjective describing people who have no place to live, no address. And that's all that it means. Homelessness is actually a state of being...one into which any person can fall. "Homeless" is not a noun, or an identity, although it has become so for people who have been without homes for a long period of time.

I wonder if for any of our readers the word "homeless" brings to mind a friend or relative – a son or daughter, an uncle or cousin, a college roommate. If you have a family member with a physical or mental disability, you've probably thought about how, without the support of family, that person may not be able to get by on their own, and could easily lose their home. What would happen to them? Where would they go? A number of the people in the *common cathedral* community have had that experience.

If you have a friend who struggles with addiction, you've probably thought about how far that person could fall, even as far as the street, without yours and others' encouragement to work on recovery one day at a time. Several people in the *common cathedral*

community have severe substance abuse issues, which have driven their friends and families away, so have no one left to encourage them.

Maybe a friend of your teenage son confided in you that he was being abused or neglected. Did you take him into your home for a while, while he was without a home?

I wonder if for any of our readers the word "homeless" brings to mind a friend or relative...

Did you try to convince him that his life would get better, and that he deserves those good things? Maybe your uncle or sister came home from war with trauma that they keep living out in their lives. Is it hard for them to function in the world? Have they been unable to provide for themselves and their families?

In my family, there are several of us who have struggled with addiction...some sober for years, and some still struggling. There are others in my family who dealt with serious mental illness, or suffered abuse. Some of those folks whom I love have spent time sleeping in parks or in cars, staying with friends, or taking part in treatment programs run by churches. Others of them held on by a thread, but very well could have shown up in the circle at *common cathedral*. I sometimes think of those people I love, some of whom have gone on to be with God, as I stand in the worship circle.

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WEEKLY EVENTS: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>12:30pm Simple Lunch BREWER'S FOUNTAIN ON BOSTON COMMON BEHIND THE PARK ST. T STOP, BOSTON, MA</p> <p>1:00pm common cathedral Worship BREWER'S FOUNTAIN ON BOSTON COMMON BEHIND THE PARK ST. T STOP, BOSTON, MA</p> <p>2:30–4:00pm Gospel Reflection ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p> <p>3:00pm Eucharist & Spiritual Support BARBARA McINNIS HOUSE RESPITE FACILITY</p>	<p>11:30am–1:00pm Pastoral Presence at St. Paul's Lunch ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SPROAT HALL, 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p> <p>1:00pm Eucharist & Healing Rite ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p> <p>2:00–3:00pm Homeless AA ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL LAWRENCE ROOM, 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p>	<p>11:00am Christian Meditation ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p> <p>Spiritual Support BARBARA McINNIS HOUSE RESPITE FACILITY</p> <p>Street Ministry • most days each week</p>	<p>10:00am–3:00pm common art EMMANUEL CHURCH FIRST FLOOR, 15 NEWBURY ST., BOSTON, MA</p> <p>2:30pm–4:00pm Nourish Your Spirit (Bible Study/Devotion) EMMANUEL CHURCH 15 NEWBURY ST., BOSTON, MA</p>	<p>Spiritual Support BARBARA McINNIS HOUSE RESPITE FACILITY</p> <p>6:00pm–7:00pm Spirituality Group (open to all residents of Paul Sullivan Housing) BOWDITCH SCHOOL RESIDENCE, 82 GREEN STREET IN JAMAICA PLAIN</p>	<p>2:30–5:00pm common cinema ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SPROAT HALL, 138 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA</p>

Volunteer Opportunities

We need regular volunteers in all our programs. To discuss any of these opportunities, or another idea that you might have, please contact us at 617-247-4927 or visit our website at www.ecclesia-ministries.org.

Volunteers: A Great Gift

A special thanks to two event

organizers this year: **Deb Leonard**

organized our 15th Anniversary

Celebration in April, and **Carol**

Hornblower organized our 2nd

Annual Blue Hills Fundraising Hike in

October. Both events were wonderful,

and a good time was had by all!

And thanks to all 27 Regular

Volunteers who gave nearly 3,000

hours to Ecclesia during this fiscal

year. Thank you for the benevolent

gift of yourselves!

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Monthly pledgers

Steven is Back

We're grateful to have our Associate Minister, Steven Maki, back with us after an extended illness. He was truly missed this summer, as Tina, Mary, and Kathy struggled to meet the great pastoral needs of our congregation. This was just further proof that a full complement of personnel is necessary to do this ministry well.

We're ready for our Close Up

Our December CityReach session, and *common cathedral* worship that same weekend, will be filmed by a crew from the national Episcopal Church doing a series on churches of excellence across the country. Ecclesia is extremely honored to be included in this film series.

common cathedral members participate in 9/11 Work Day

On September 11th, as part of the National Day of Service, five members of *common cathedral* joined a group from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts to clean up a portion of the Merrimac River. The group collected two tons of trash! It's very important for our community to be part of helping others, not just to be the recipients of help, but to contribute to the good of the whole society. We are grateful to have had this opportunity.



David carries his sixth load of lumber up the hill...still smiling.



Donny and Rob take a breather after filling many bags of trash.

In Our Own Words

Ecclesia Ministries

Homeless people need a place to live. They need to get rid of the CORI. They need more vans to come out every day. The vans take people to the doctor and give blankets to people. There needs to be more city outreach. I think Ecclesia is a wonderful thing and the Church needs to get involved with housing. Five years on the waiting list is too long. Debbie Little is a remarkably beautiful person. She reminds me of Mother Theresa. Started 15 years ago and she was wonderful to me and good to my husband. My husband dealt with a lot and she was there. I'll never forget her. I love her. She touched so many lives. I'd like to say from your friend Robin - I love you Debbie. Thank you so much.

- Robin

I have fun. It is very relaxing and spiritual. It is interesting to hear what people have to say. I like how people get together in community. I like how people get their housing. It is good for people to get off drugs and alcohol. That's a story in itself.

- Steve

common cathedral Sunday Worship

What I like about it - No fighting. It's my church. I made it my church. I like coming here. People - the church on Sundays? I love it. We have a congregation bigger than we know. I have been coming here for years. I'm here for the fellowship. What I do is the last 10 years I've been here I have nothing but respect for the church. I was here for Steven, Kathy and Tina.

- Frankie

I came upon this place by accident. It was a beautiful day a few years ago a lot of people were around the cross singing. Someone

invited me to join them. I hesitated for a moment and then said, "why not?" I saw a few people I have known on the street and they seemed to be the ones doing the right things. This spoke to me. We are a community. We are a sanctuary inside or outside. I think about the fact that I was spiritually bankrupt. I used to ask "why me?" In a dream, God said, "why not you?" I volunteer a lot. I've been helping people with detox. It is not only the spirit and religion. Tina and Steve have shared that we are all connected. We are all His children. This community has given me the ability to be more compassionate. God loves us no matter who we are!

- Henry

common art

Every Wednesday, *common art* is a place I can go to be with others who are going through the same things. It is a place that stays in my mind every week. I'm so anxious for Wednesday to arrive. I can meet with all the companions who go there and have so much laughter and smiles. We all have our ups and downs but when you go to *common art* there is always someone who you can speak with. It helps and brings out the laughter.

- Dennis

common cinema

Being homeless, I miss movies! I miss going to a theater and seeing a new release or watching an older movie, one that I haven't seen in years. These days, however, I can't afford to go to the theater and even if I could, I can't bring in my gear. But I can bring my gear to *common cinema*, have popcorn, and relax each Friday. It's a great family that I always wished I had."

- Brian

Volunteer Spotlight

Emanuel Genevese



How long have you volunteered with Ecclesia, and in what capacity?

For three years I have taught small projects in stained glass and mosaic about twice per month at the *common art* program. Because it's a somewhat transient population, my challenge is to come up with small projects that can be finished in 1-2 sessions.

What do you do in your other life?

I teach stained glass and mosaic at Newton Community Education, and at Diablo School of Glass, as well as privately. I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and I teach a course through the courts on Parenting through Divorce. I also do my own painting and woodworking. I enjoy using my hands and my mind, and I enjoy travelling. It's also important to me to keep an ongoing tie with my grown children and grandchildren.

How did you come to volunteer with Ecclesia, and why do you stay?

I'm a member of King's Chapel, and there I came to know Sallie Fisher, a long-time volunteer and new Board member with Ecclesia. She invited me. King's Chapel gave us an initial grant for basic stained glass tools and materials. I stayed because I love to share with people something that I enjoy, something that brings beauty into the world. I love to see how people learn, to help them think through the steps, and to share with them the principals of art - color, balance, tones, how size effects color, etc. I think it's a Christian value to share with others the gifts you've been given, especially if it's something that helps people to be excited about life. I think that art has that effect.

How has volunteering at Ecclesia affected your life or your faith?

I've learned that you have to just show up. People who have experienced homelessness and poverty need a consistent presence and witness. I just create an opportunity and leave the rest up to God. Sometimes it takes a while to build a rapport that allows someone to take the risk to try something new. I have a better understanding now of peoples' varied coping mechanisms, and have learned to be less controlling. I do expect my students to put energy into the project and to learn something, but sometimes you don't know where you're going when you start out. God is working in the world and we're to just be a part of that, not to prescribe the outcome.

Is there anything else that you think people should know about you?

I'm just glad that there's such a program as *common art* that allows poor and homeless people to bring beauty and relate to beauty. It allows people to get out of their heads and into their hearts and bodies. It has a meditative benefit.

Who are "The Homeless" *(continued from page 1)*

When we are able to think of individuals whom we've known, who've struggled with serious issues in their lives and even been without stable homes for a while, it makes it easier to understand why people...regular people... can fall into homelessness, especially when a person has several of these challenges in their life, AND no friends or family to fall back on. It makes it easier for us to step away from the stereotype: "HOMELESS", and to think about the PEOPLE dealing with disabilities and trauma, who need our support - the support of a spiritual community that holds them like their families weren't able to. Isn't that what we would all want for our own family members, if they were living on the streets of Boston?

PLEASE PARTNER WITH US BY MAILING A CHECK TODAY, MAKING A GIFT OF STOCK, REMEMBERING ECCLESIA IN YOUR WILL, OR MAKING A MONTHLY PLEDGE. In addition, we'd love to have your regular presence as a volunteer in any of our programs: Sunday *common cathedral* worship, Pastoral presence at Monday lunch/Eucharist/AA, Tuesday Christian Meditation, Wednesday *common art*, visiting at the Barbara McInnis House, Street Ministry, and Friday *common cinema*.

- Kathy +



ECCLESIA MINISTRIES VISION STATEMENT

We are un-housed and housed people called by God into ecumenical, Christian community and ministry for the purpose of transforming all of our lives.

We bridge the resources of diverse congregations, living into God's preference for the poor; We give voice to the voiceless;

We respect the dignity of every human being; and We see the face of Christ in ourselves and others as we join in outside worship.



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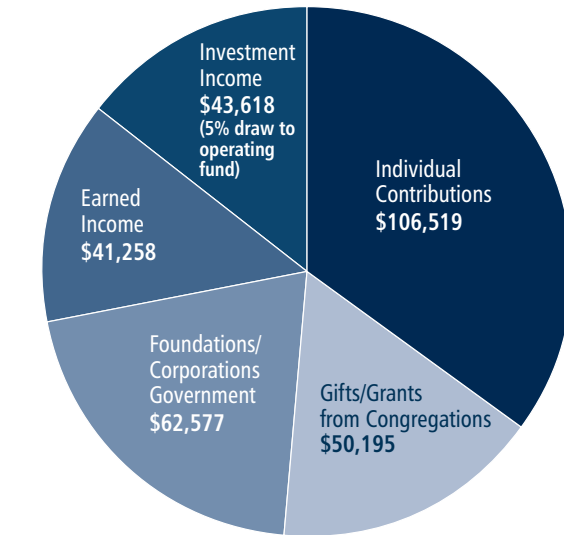
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- **volunteering in one of our programs!**

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