

Homelessness Prevention Roundtable Meeting

Date: September 27, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Community Meeting Room-12350 Outer Dr E, Detroit, MI 48224
Host: Lord Jesus Christ Community Baptist Church

Topic 1: Detroit Partnership for Homelessness Prevention: A 5 Year Agreement

- Recognizing homelessness is a solvable problem and that prevention is the most humane and cost effective approach, the undersigned organizations and entities commit to working together to implement the following strategies and achieve a measurable reduction in homelessness in Detroit over the next five years.
- Eviction prevention, utility assistance, financial counseling, employment services, accountability and evaluation
- Funding
- Partnership with United Way of Southeastern Michigan

Topic 2: Detroit Empowerment Summit

(Approved Resolutions from Committees, Homelessness Prevention Review Board and Board of Directors)

- Resolution: Empowering Detroit: A Path for Housing, Opportunity, and Well-Being for All
- Resolution fo the Detroit Empowerment Summit Taskforce: Advancing Economic Equity through Workforce Development

Topic 3: Emergency Assistance Program and Homelessness Financial Relief Program

- The church continued to provide clothing, food, household items and personal care items to the needy and homeless. The church will start issuing gift cards with \$100 per month for personal money to the homeless and needy in Detroit and Flint.
- The Benevolence Ministry is planning a job fair in Detroit to hire more case management for the program to assist more needy and homeless in Detroit and Flint communities.
- Program provides financial assistance for employment and appointment reasons to sustain and secure employment
- Homelessness Financial Relief Program provided 562+ homeless men and women living in poverty so far according to church finances and business bank statements.

Topic 4: Homelessness Mentoring Program

- A program is being created by the church to work with Detroit Public schools to work and mentor children dealing with homelessness and poverty in Detroit. Homeless men and women say that case managers sweep their economic hardship under the rug after spending more months in homeless shelters.
- The program will help people get into permanent housing and sustain permanent housing. It is homeless people that end up trapped in homelessness or end up in ancient out of homeless shelters based on financial instability. The program will give homeless men and women the tools and knowledge to give them the guidance to stay out of homeless shelters longer term.

Topic 5: Volunteer-to-Work Program

- The program is managed by the Office of Honesty and Transparency, Benevolence Ministry, Homelessness Prevention Review Board, and Bylaws and Rules Committee.
- The church will work with employers in the private sector along with colleges and universities career centers. The church will work with different industries and schools to help provide a work ethic to high school and college students. The church will work with programs for Detroit and Royal Oak residents.
- Job opportunities closer to home, end crime in communities, help decrease employment on social security benefits, end homelessness, grow and increase workers in small businesses.

Notes and Action Items

The Homelessness Prevention Review Board members approved the Detroit Partnership for Homelessness Prevention: A 5 Year Agreement with a vote of 9-7, Detroit Empowerment Summit approved with 16-0 vote, Resolution: Empowering Detroit: A Path for Housing, Opportunity, and Well-Being for All approved with 16-0 vote, Resolution for the Detroit Empowerment Summit Taskforce: Advancing Economic Equity through Workforce Development approved with 16-0 vote. Bylaws and Rules Committee members approved all resolutions and legislation with an average of 10-7. Homelessness Prevention Review Board members support strengthening partnerships with local communities to end homelessness and poverty. Bylaws and Rules Committee members voted to reinstate the Subcommittee for Pandemics. The Subcommittee on Church Ethics will host hearings with Special Counsel for Church Tax-Exemption in two weeks.