

Event Title: Strengthen Our Community: A Homelessness Prevention Roundtable

Purpose:

- To convene key stakeholders (local government, nonprofit organizations, community leaders, businesses and individuals who lived the experience) to discuss and develop actionable strategies for preventing homelessness in Flint, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Southeast Michigan and Detroit, Flint and Grand Rapids.
- To foster collaboration and information sharing among participants.
- To identify gaps in existing services and resources
- To create a community-wide action plan with measurable goals for homelessness.

Target Audience:

- Representatives from local government agencies, churches, organizations
- Directors and staff from homeless service providers and nonprofit organizations
- Community leaders and advocates
- Business leaders and philanthropists
- Individuals with lived experience of homelessness or housing authority

Date, Time and Location:

- **Proposed Date:** August 29, 2025
- **Proposed Time:** 7:30-8:30 PM
- **Proposed Location:** Godfrey Hotel Detroit-1401 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI (Hamilton)

Agenda:

7:30-7:40 PM	Welcome and Introductions
7:40-8:00 PM	Understanding the landscape of homelessness prevention with presentations and current data, overview of existing homelessness prevention programs from the church and organizations.
8:00-8:15 PM	Develop an action plan to prioritize key action plan items <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Distribute gift cards to the homeless and low-income individuals with children, and without children. The gift cards will be \$50 or \$100 to help individuals get out of poverty.● Financial assistance to homeless men and women on the streets of Detroit and Southeast Michigan.● General Laborers for the Contentment in Christ Leadership Conference on August 14-16, 2025. The jobs will be three days of the conference and pay \$19/hour either as taxable or nontaxable income. Applications are still being prepared by the Church staff in Detroit. The church will provide twenty general laborers for the event.● Bishop Hobson will donate more of his own personal money to help the homeless in Detroit that stay at homeless shelters managed by Detroit

Rescue Mission Ministries. He will donate \$20/month to the homeless at DRMM website to help more homeless men, women, children and veterans.

8:15-8:30 PM

Next Steps and Closing Remarks

- Distribute a brief evaluation form for participants at the end of the roundtable to gather feedback on the event effectiveness.
- Track progress on the action plan and measure outcome over time

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Offer sponsorship opportunities to local businesses and organizations to offset the costs of the meeting.

Conclusion:

This Homelessness Prevention Roundtable represents a critical opportunity to bring together key stakeholders and develop a comprehensive, community-driven approach to preventing homelessness in Flint, Southeast Michigan and Detroit, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. By working collaboratively, we can create a more stable and equitable community for all. Bishop Hobson hosted many Homelessness Prevention Roundtable meetings in Flint, Southeast Michigan and Detroit, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti since 2016.