

# BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOUGLASS PARK AMERICA HOMELESSNESS COALITION

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## HOMELESSNESS HARDSHIP IN ECONOMY

Homelessness in Chicago need access to higher education to help them with gaining skills in today economy. Homelessness in Chicago need access for them to help them get a job and prepare them for jobs and employers. Homelessness are being criticized on how they look in public or applying for jobs at employers. Homeless people want to be part of the economy with jobs and opportunities.



*Homelessness during worship service  
at Pacific Garden Mission*

## GIVING TO THE HOMELESSNESS IN CHICAGO

The church has provided \$35 donation to the homelessness in Chicago during the week of February 15, 2016. The donation has help provide food and clothing and food the homeless person in Chicago. Pastor Hobson has provided noncash donations to the homelessness in Chicago, such as old clothing and food to the homeless. Homelessness in Chicago do not have a lot but deserve support to help them get what they need to get back on their feet. Homelessness in Chicago need jobs and equal opportunity. Homelessness in Chicago need more access to jobs and getting around to places for jobs. It needs to be more jobs closer to home because homeless people do not have to feel burdened by transportation. It needs to be more jobs available in the downtown Chicago area and near Pacific Garden Mission, Olive Branch Mission, A Little Bit of Heaven, Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Franciscan Outreach Association, House of Prayer, Interfaith House and Cornerstone Community Outreach. It needs to be more jobs to end mass incarceration and help more Americans stay out of trouble. Pastor Hobson is looking for new Americans to sign-up for the Education Tuition Assistance Program, Community Employment Program, Small Business Program, Computer and Job Training Program, Celebrate Recovery and Mentoring Workshop. Small Business Program has a \$10,000 Small Business Start-Up Competition and \$2000 unlimited small Business Voucher Program. Homelessness in Chicago are financially struggling because lack of jobs, economic resources to help them get to jobs, and live on limited fixed income. That needs to change nationally and in Chicago. Congregation in Nigeria has increased to 567 people. Pastor Hobson has been gaining followers on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram each week. Pastor Hobson mailed a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on its 501c3 to be clear on things about its 501c3 that the church applied for on September 29, 2014 with \$850 user fee. The church need to raise additional funds for social services and church operations. The church is selling buttons (\$1), T-shirts (\$10), coffee mugs (\$20), bumper stickers (\$1) and posters (\$5). The church is raising money at the website: [www.gofundme.com/p65fw](http://www.gofundme.com/p65fw). The church has 14,002 church members worldwide based on records. Church membership is up and tithes are down like at other churches.



*Homeless people on the streets in Chicago*

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## **Next Homelessness Prevention Roundtable on March 4, 2016 at 115 South Pulaski Road**

Homelessness Prevention Roundtable will be taken place to help come up with ideas to end mass incarceration and homelessness in Chicago and United States of America long-term. People that served in prison end up in homeless shelters after they get out of prison. Roundtable will discuss what challenges homelessness face in Chicago and nationally. Roundtable will come up with ideas and recommendations on how to end homelessness among minorities and black communities long-term. Homelessness is critical in Chicago and need to end by helping people get out of poverty. During the last Homelessness Prevention Roundtable last summer, it was many business leaders that came out to the meeting to discuss ideas on how to reduce homelessness in Chicago. Business leaders talked about ways to make sure homeless people has access to good paying jobs, financial relief for homelessness in Chicago, and provide more job opportunities for ex-offenders and juveniles. Business leaders discussed how they support the CTA Second Chance Program in Chicago. Business leaders talked about ways to promote the Community Employment Program, Education Tuition Assistance Program, Computer and Job Training Program, Small Business Program, and Celebrate Recovery. Business leaders discussed protecting food stamp programs in Illinois for the homelessness

because homelessness need resources to help the buy food. Business leaders said at the last meeting that it is a new person walks through the doors of a shelter daily saying they need someplace to stay. Pastor Hobson mentioned that it is some people in Chicago that are homeless and move from house to house with their friends. Some homelessness in Chicago are homeless that do not have places they call home. Some people in Chicago do not have a place to call home and always think where they will sleep tonight. Pastor Hobson talked to a homeless Latino name Jay in Chicago and he explained his situation to him. Jay works as a part-time UBER driver in Chicago and message therapist with limited income. Jay told Pastor Hobson he cannot afford permanent housing because it is too expensive with his low and limited income. Jay told Pastor Hobson he needed to figure out where he will sleep every night. Pastor Hobson talked to three Black/African-American homeless people up to last summer on the streets of Chicago about asking him to help them buy something to eat. He personally gave them his own personal money to buy food. Homelessness in Chicago feel humiliated on the streets of Chicago asking working class Americans for money to buy food or make a living. It needs to be more resources implemented in Chicago to help homeless people get a job because homeless people do not own a phone. How would jobs call them? Homelessness in Chicago are welcomed to email to reach out to Pastor Hobson by email at [pastornicolas.hobson@religious.com](mailto:pastornicolas.hobson@religious.com). Pastor Hobson has donated cash and noncash donations to the homelessness in Chicago personally. Church serve over one hundred homeless people in Chicago, such as help them with food and clothing. It is time for the rich to pay their fair share in taxes and giving back to the 99% nationally. During the last Homelessness Prevention Roundtable, business leaders have put together 22 recommendations on how to end homelessness in Chicago.

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*If you help the poor, you are lending to the poor-and he will repay you!*

*Proverbs 19:17*

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## **HOMELESSNESS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Law enforcement offers in Chicago need to give homeless men and women a break because homeless people has no where to go or no place to call home. Homeless people that sleep on the streets of Chicago do not have income or money to stay in a place they can call home. Pastor Hobson has actually seen homeless people in Chicago get harass by law enforcement office for no reason because they have nothing else to do. Homeless people need jobs and sustainable income to help them get back on their feet long-term. That's why Pastor Hobson sent a plan to Capitol Hill that was rejected or currently sitting

in Congressional committees to pass a \$50 billion Appropriations bill to give money to states to build more subsidized and affordable housing to end long waitlists. States will each get \$1 billion to provide construction to new affordable and subsidized housing. Baptist Church of Douglass Park affordable housing project in Chicago will start April 2016 to provide permanent housing to homeless people. It will be housing units built in Chatham, Douglass Park, Roseland, Calumet Park, West Chicago and Englewood. Race relations and harassment does not just take place among homelessness in Chicago. It happened to some homeless people in Dubuque, Iowa.