

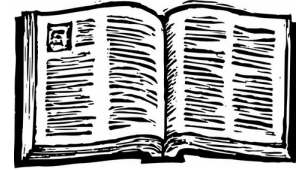


Good Faith Communities Coalition

Taking action on homelessness and affordable housing with and for the poor in the District of Columbia

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CREATING THE COMMUNITY WE WANT TO LIVE IN



Good Faith Fall meeting.
Temple Micah, 2829 Wisconsin Ave. NW.
Sunday, November 8, 2015. 2 - 4 PM.

Jay Melder, Chief of Staff to the Director of the District Department of Human Services, and Msgr. John Enzler, President and CEO of Catholic Charities DC, will speak about the challenges faced by individuals and families who are homeless and often living on DC streets. Hope for a better future? How are we called to be involved?

Questions/answers and discussion will follow the presentations.
Become informed! Become Active! Make a difference!

Shelter Census on October 25, 2015: 595 families with 1252 children in shelter and transitional housing + 1160 individuals in low barrier shelters.

Design of neighborhood shelters for families...

The District is about to build and/or renovate buildings for 6 family shelters. Each will house 40 families. The small shelters will replace DC General in the city's family shelter system. **The shelters will be in different wards throughout the city.** The location of the shelters has not been announced. Draft floor designs have been made public. They show single rooms for families - with multiple shared bathrooms on each floor. No food preparation capacity in rooms is available.

The Council voted 9-4 on November 3 to change the current law that requires apartment style units for families in shelter. The changes allow single room placement with communal bathrooms on each floor and few private bathrooms except for those with special needs. No cooking or food storage will be available within the units. **Mayor Bowser: The city can't afford the increased cost over current investment to provide private bathrooms.** "Once we have these neighborhood facilities in place, we can close DC General once and for all."

And we pray.....

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

BE INFORMED, BE ACTIVE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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