



## **A covenant among faith congregations to work to significantly reduce homelessness in the District of Columbia, 2015 – 2019.**

### **The covenant congregations shall:**

- support actively public efforts and programs to provide temporary and permanent affordable housing to all in need;
- monitor aggressively the progress of such programs and focus public attention on any shortcomings;
- work energetically with other organizations and individuals to deepen awareness and broaden participation in the reduction of homelessness;
- continue to be forcefully engaged in efforts to reduce the plight of families, children and individuals who are homeless in the District of Columbia.

### **With this covenant we applaud the Mayor for initial steps addressing the challenges of homelessness and call on her to maintain this focus so that:**

- the issues of homelessness and affordable housing for families, children and individuals remain a high priority in each year of her administration;
- high priority status includes comprehensive program planning, timely implementation, on-going evaluation, public reporting on progress and funding adequate to the needs.

**This covenant summons the conscience and commitment of the signers and the city to address the serious problems of homelessness and affordable housing in the District of Columbia.**

**For Good Faith Congregations: Rev. John Graham, President, Board of Directors  
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**Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**