



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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**Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 29, 2017, 1:30 PM.
Temple Micah, 2829 Wisconsin Ave. NW**

NO ONE CHOOSES TO BE POOR!

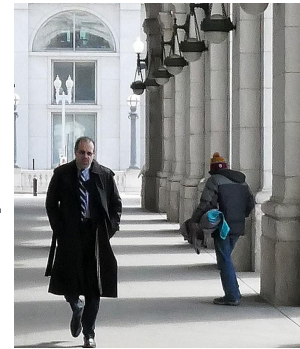
Confronting the Challenges facing the Chronically Homeless and Families Living in Deep Poverty in DC.

Opening Reflection. *We are called by our faith...* Rev. James E. Terrell, 2nd Baptist Church.

Key Note. *Programs that Work.*

Jean-Michel Giraud, President and CEO Friendship Place.

In conclusion. *Making a difference:* Educate yourself and your faith community on issues related to homelessness and affordable housing in DC.



Living in Poverty in DC in 2017

- District of Columbia Population 2017 (est): 672,228.
- 17% of DC residents lived below the poverty line in 2015: \$24,600 for a family of four.
- 30% of DC children live below the poverty line, with more than 14,000 of those children living in deep poverty in households earning less than \$12,000 per year.
- On a single night in January 2017, 7,473 persons in the city were counted as homeless, at least 897 were unsheltered and living on the streets.
- On September 1, 2017 there were 721 families with 1484 children in DC shelters.
- DC's public housing stock has decreased by at least 4,000 units since the 1990's to only 8,000 units remaining in the inventory. Since 2002 the number of low-cost rental units in DC has dropped by more than 50%, while the number of more expensive housing units rose more than 155%.
- DC has a deficit of more than 30,000 affordable and available units for people with extremely low incomes.



We pray for those in positions of civic authority, servants of all the people. May their compassion, understanding and just actions lead to a city that measures its greatness by the care it provides for its people in need. Rev. John Graham, Grace Episcopal Church

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



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