



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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- **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:** extensive debate on social issues, but no new candidates emerge.
- **DC BUDGET:** The 2019 budget brings **significant investment** in affordable housing and homeless services. **Highlights:** continued investment of \$100 million in construction and restoration; over 500 new slots of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families requiring long term rental assistance and supportive services; more than 450 rental vouchers for those needing long term rental assistance; \$26 million to improve shelters for singles; \$40 million to replace the 801 East men's shelter. [Read more](#). And [even more](#).
- **LOCAL ISSUES:** As national issues understandably dominate the conversation this summer in faith communities, needs of the disparately poor and marginalized in our city continue to demand attention. **Of note:** The Mayor has announced a fall 2018 **closing of the DC General family shelter**. In mid June more than 500 families with over 1100 children remained in the city's shelter system, over 170 of these families at DC General. At a Council round table this week, it was clear that the **shelter replacements (short term family housing) in two of the seven wards were significantly behind the construction schedule**. The capacity at these two shelters is critical for many families now housed at DC General. The Mayor contends there is no problem; every family will be placed. The Council and advocacy community remain concerned. **Should DC General close before the new shelters opened?** [Read more](#).



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