



Who Is My Neighbor?

Homelessness awareness program for church youth groups

Homeless is a harsh and painful reality. It does not discriminate; anyone can lose their home no matter what their age, ethnicity, education, location or health. This evil has reached epidemic proportions. Given our current economic crisis, many individuals have lost their jobs and have been unable to pay mortgages on their homes. Others may have lost too much value in their homes and they are unable to secure financing at reasonable rates. The result is that homelessness is claiming more victims and families with young children are a growing statistic.

Jesus exhorts each of his disciples to care for those marginalized in our community. Those suffering from a loss of shelter are some of the most alienated folks. In order to fulfill Christ's call, we would like to offer your youth an afternoon exploring the subject of homelessness. There will be an educational component which includes tools to empower your youth to advocate on behalf of the homeless as well as learning about other opportunities to serve homeless populations in the local area. The program also includes participation in an urban worship service.

Dates, Schedule and Fees*

Sunday, January 22	Sunday, February 5
Sunday, March 11	Sunday, March 25
	Sunday, April 29
	<i>*subject to change.</i>

Schedule

3:30 p.m.	Arrive at Hope Central Church
4:00 p.m.	Hands-on Mission Project
4:45 p.m.	Dinner Break; Conversation with formerly homeless people.
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship at Hope Central
6:45 p.m.	Wrap-up

Cost

is \$25 per person, including the meal.

For more information for one of these sessions, contact Peter Johnston, Seminarian in the City, at 617-750-2063 or pjohn@bu.edu. Registration is being handled by Ken Schmidt at cms.buo@gmail.com



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