
Meeting Ground Board of Directors Ends Policies

**Meeting Ground, a community of faith, hope and love,
exists so that persons who are or have experienced homelessness
can realize God's dream for them**

Residents have a home and experience a sense of:

- secure affordable housing
- realize a life without violence
- have opportunities for education and counseling to meet their needs
- have opportunities to experience spiritual growth and hope
- have adequate food, shelter and clothing
- have opportunities to contribute their strengths and skills to the community
- have a right to be heard, a right to privacy and a right for expectations to be clear.

Community members are awakened to God's call for them. Members:

- have a sense of belonging
- are supported in living out their faith convictions
- recognize their spiritual needs
- are open to God's call
- model spiritual growth for each other
- express God's love for each other
- are accepted for who they are and where they are on their journey
- community member's gifts and abilities are recognized and valued.

Society is aware of and supports the elimination of homelessness by:

- increased knowledge of homelessness
- providing more affordable housing
- lobbying for more federal, state and local funding for programs
- promoting better understanding in the media of root causes of homelessness
- supporting additional homeless shelters in neighboring counties
- raising awareness in schools of the problems that lead to homelessness

The broader community of faith realizes new ways of doing mission:

- that all faith communities understand homelessness, its causes and effects
- that all faith communities have a sense of equality and justice for all people
- that all faith communities understand the moral failure of our society—racism, classism, prejudice—and how these contribute to homelessness
- that all faith communities accept their mission of helping individual persons who have or are experiencing homelessness
- that all faith communities, in humility, will invite all to participate fully regardless of needs, differences or gifts.