

MEETING GROUND DIRECTORY

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CLAIRVAUX FARM: 21 Veazey Cove Rd., Earleville, MD 21919 410/275-8990. A 20-acre residential facility with accommodations for 35 persons. There are residential buildings for families with children, women and men, a dining hall, chapel, community building, pavilion, offices and barns -- 13 buildings in all, most built by volunteers.



WAYFARERS' HOUSE: 107 Delaware Ave., Elkton, MD 21921 410/398-4381. A large 9-bedroom, 4-bathroom Victorian house, centrally located in town, with a capacity for 16 women with or without children.



GEORGE PORTER HOUSE: 238 Mackall St., Elkton, MD 21921 410/620-4678. A 7 bedroom duplex which is a group home transitional house for 8 persons.



Last year we:

- Provided 14,843 bednights of emergency and transitional housing.
- Served over 35,000 meals.
- Were available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for referrals and supportive services.
- Assisted 300 persons in the transition from being homeless
- Since its inception in 1982, Meeting Ground has provided 364,818 bednights of emergency & transitional housing.

Groups & Workshops: • Chapel Service (weekly) • Bible study group • Parenting/communication class • GED class • Nutrition workshop • Financial planning workshop • Children's Hour • Self-esteem workshop • Craft/Art workshop • Rolling Readers

Homeless prevention: • Emergency food assistance • Clothing, furniture, appliance help • Food clubs (Hope Program) • Rainbow Fund for medical assistance • Legal Assistance Fund • Savings account program • Aftercare Program

Education & Advocacy: • Loaves & Fishes (Bi-monthly newspaper) The Meeting Ground Reader • Web Site: www.meetingground.org • Work Camp Program (work/study - 25 groups, 400 volunteers / year) • Retreats for Confirmation Classes, etc. • Workshops on homelessness • Gatekeepers Bible Studies • Conferences: "Homelessness & the Church" "New Ways of Being Church" "Standing Together: Building Justice into a World Economy" "Helping, Not Fixing: Practical Roots of Compassionate Action"

Continuing membership/partnership in: • National Coalition for the Homeless • North American Street Newspaper Association • National Homeless Persons Memorial Day

Some of the programs & partnerships which Meeting Ground has helped to initiate since its inception in 1981:

- Friendship House, Inc. (Wilmington, DE) • BorderLinks (Tucson, AZ)
- Cecil County Men's Shelter (Elkton) • Elkton Community Kitchen

Mission Statement: *We, the community of Meeting Ground, are a people of faith, hope and love. Our mission is to help meet basic human needs and to address the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and homelessness. We bring together homeless and non-homeless persons in a context of shared life and work by providing hospitality, shelter, food and education. We strive to live with compassion, respect, affirmation and advocacy. In the light of the loving community of God's grace, we invite all to participate fully regardless of needs, differences or gifts. At Meeting Ground, in humility, "we all sit at the same table" in ministry one to another, each seeking to discover one's own identity.*



It's Another Day

It's 5 p.m.

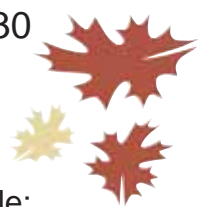
Another day soon past
I take a long, deep breath
And find some rest at last
Hope stretches across the sky
As far as I can see
And as I come to terms with myself
My heart sings tenderly
There is a life worth living
And living worth the climb
Easing into the peace of mind
That has come with the passage of time
Another day soon past –
Another to begin
With faith, with peace, with joy
Stepping out again



Our 2nd Annual Fall Gathering

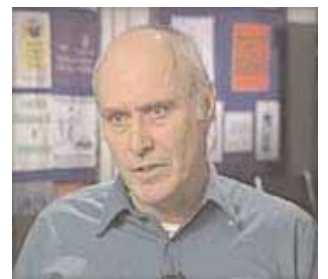


Saturday, October 22 11am - 1:30
at Schaefer's Canal House
N. Chesapeake City, MD



Reservations & tickets are now available:
410-275-2936 info@meetingground.org
Online: www.meetingground.org

Michael Stoops is the Acting Executive Director for the Washington, D.C.-based National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH). Since 1972, he has been working full-time (primarily as a volunteer) with homeless/formerly homeless people and homeless advocacy groups. He was a founding board member of NCH, and joined NCH's staff in 1988.



Since 1988, he has worked to establish and provide ongoing support to local/statewide homeless/housing coalitions, and homeless self-help and social justice/action groups.

He is the project director for NCH's National Homeless Civil Rights Organizing Project. He also serves as the project director of NCH's "Faces of Homelessness" Speakers' Bureau. He is one of the founding members of the North American Street Newspaper Association and serves presently on its board of directors.

He also coordinates NCH's national events: National Homeless Voter Registration Week (every election cycle), National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day,

He has a bachelor's degree in social work and an honorary Ph.D. given to him in recognition of his longstanding work in the movement to end homelessness.

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