

DOWNTOWN CONGREGATIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS COMMON AGREEMENT

OUR MISSION. Work together to end homelessness by using our civic voice to educate and push the community from **managing** to **ending** homelessness and poverty through our support of Heading Home Hennepin (HHH) and multiple relationships with the homeless and near homeless, congregations, volunteers, and community organizations.

WE COMMIT TO:

- Make decisions about ministries within individual faith community and collaborative programs through the lens of moving from managing to ending homelessness.
- Evaluate and assess outreach efforts in light of HHH plan and ending versus managing homelessness.
- Exhibit public leadership and advocacy to support the recommendations of Heading Home Hennepin initiative as well as the Nicollet Square supportive housing development and other advocacy opportunities (both as an individual and as a congregation) that work to End Homelessness.
- Assign a primary staff/layperson from our congregation to serve on the DCEH committee (as is possible).
- Create multiple educational opportunities about ending homelessness and/or the paradigm shift (alone and/or in collaboration with other DCEH congregations). Each congregation is encouraged to have a target of at least one educational opportunity per quarter. Examples of educational opportunities could include:
 - Articles in newsletters
 - Sermons, adult education
 - Inter-faith forum
 - Faith Summit
 - Etc.
- Identify and ensure that at least 2 members of our congregation will serve on the Inter-Faith team.
- Contribute some financial support for shared coordinator position as each is able.

Participating Congregations:

Basilica of St. Mary
First Christian Church
Masjid An-Nur
First Unitarian Society
Gethsemane Episcopal Church
Central Lutheran Church
St. Olaf Catholic Church
Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
Cathedral Church of St. Mark Episcopal
Temple Israel
Plymouth Congregational Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church