

In response to the gift of God's grace in Christ Jesus, and God's love for us and all of God's children, we live out our baptismal promises through the power of the Holy Spirit to love and serve our neighbor throughout all the world.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”

Matthew 25:40

FOR MORE INFORMATION

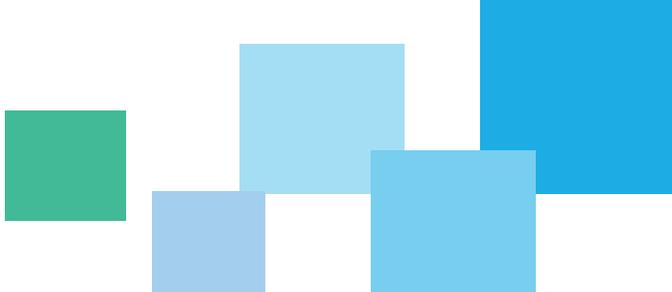
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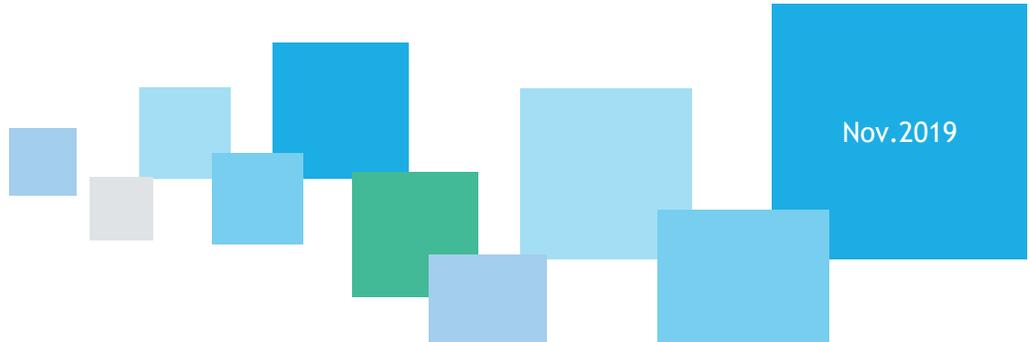
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ADDICTION MINISTRY

GETTING STARTED

Becoming a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental faith community to those who suffer from addiction and in need of spiritual care.



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HOSPITALITY

Ways to provide, safe, welcoming and non-judgmental places for spiritual formation and care:

HOST MEETINGS

Contact the local AA, NA and Al-Anon district office and invite them to hold meetings in your building. Provide a private room with a table and chairs, access to a coffee maker and storage space for books and materials. According to the Twelve Traditions* groups are self-supporting and will offer an appropriate rent fee for the use of space.

OFFER SMALL GROUPS

Facilitate Big Book* readings, Daily Reflections* discussion, Faith Talk, Bible study times and loss & grief support groups.

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Lead worship with liturgy designed for those in recovery, and for those affected by alcoholism/addiction, on a regular basis. Host ecumenical Prayer Around the Cross services. Provide pastoral care and spiritual direction as part of the collaborated healing ministry of *Body, Mind and Spirit*.

HOST TABLE FELLOWSHIP

Many addicts are looking for new places to enjoy fellowship as sober individuals. Create an atmosphere of community where lives and a meal are shared feeding both body and soul. Table fellowship is central to Christian community life and a proclamation of the grace, love and mercy extended by God in Christ Jesus through Holy Communion. Embody Christ as you welcome all who are hungry and thirsty for love and acceptance.

HOST SOCIAL EVENTS

Host adult and family entertainment in a drug and alcohol-free environment. Some events include: movie night, game night, crafts and open mic nights. Invite members of various groups that attend meetings in your building as well as members of the faith community to build relationships as One Body in Christ.

*"I just wanted to be able to be myself at church and not afraid of being met with disapproving stares."
--Anonymous*

*"Church should be more like the tables - a place where we can be honest and speak truth about how broken we are and in need of God's help without judgement."
--Anonymous*

CREATING SAFE SPACE

Create a space in your building, and within your faith community that allows others to honestly explore matters of faith, discover their own spirituality and ultimately make the decision to turn their will and life over to the care of God, as they understand God (Step 3*). Safe space also means walking with those who's thoughts of God differ from yours. Pastoral care and spiritual accompaniment are vital to the success of recovery.

"...but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

John 4:14

