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MISSION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- This booklet lists partners of The Moody Church working in our city and world, outside of our building. Each has opportunities to live out God’s mission to bring lost people to Himself.
- Each ministry has different requirements to volunteer. Make sure to thoroughly check the requirements.
- Membership in The Moody Church is not required to serve with any of these ministries.
- While each organization is recommended by The Moody Church for opportunities to serve our world, any views expressed by these ministries are their own.

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FAMILIES IN NEED

CARIS PREGNANCY COUNSELING AND RESOURCES

Caris is a ministry committed to helping women and children thrive during and after unplanned pregnancy. They offer professional counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, support groups, and more to walk alongside the most vulnerable in our city. Started in and by The Moody Church, Caris has multiple locations in the city.

Info: caris.org or call (312) 229-5700

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Family Empowerment Center (FEC) seeks to create opportunities for under-resourced individuals and families to experience greater joy and therefore, greater hope in their future. FEC provides programming and safe opportunities for the at-risk youth in Rogers Park, including English classes, multiple food banks for families in need, and more. Currently, our Veritas community serves once a month at their Rogers Park food pantry.

Info: familyempower.org or call (773) 262-0760

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families for Children seeks to bring the church and community together to keep children safe and families together. Their goal is to build a network of caring and compassionate volunteers to support families in crisis and reduce the number of children unnecessarily entering the welfare system. Go through the process to become a host family, provide respite care for other volunteer families, mentor, and more.

Info: safe-families.org or email Jill at jshannon@safefamilies.net

NEW LIFE CENTERS

New Life Centers is a community-based nonprofit that exists to connect youth and families with Christ and their communities through holistic, relationship-centered programs. Present in Chicago's most underserved neighborhoods, they offer mentoring, violence prevention, education support, after-school programming, food distribution, support for the unhoused, and much more. Each initiative is designed to meet critical needs while empowering youth and families to heal, grow, and lead. Grounded in trust and long-term relationships, they walk alongside people facing the greatest challenges, helping transform lives and neighborhoods from the inside out.

Info: newlifecenters.org

KIDS AND TEENS

BY THE HAND CLUB FOR KIDS

By The Hand (BTH) is a Christ-centered, after-school program that takes kids by the hand and walks with them from kindergarten through college, loving and nurturing them—mind, body, and soul. BTH currently helps 1,700 children in under-resourced Chicago neighborhoods, growing every year! How might you use your life to empower students and raise a generation of leaders in Chicago?

Info: bythehand.org

THE ONE SHEEP

The One Sheep is on a mission to disciple the next generation of believers in closed countries by connecting mentors and students through online discipleship. Currently, this ministry is focused on mentoring kids and young teens in Southeast Asia whose parents are involved in house church movements. There is a huge need for mature believers!

Info: theonesheep.org or email theonesheep7@gmail.com

MUSLIM MINISTRY/REFUGEES

CRESCENT PROJECT – EMBASSY MINISTRY

Millions of Muhammad's followers have been taught that Jesus was no more than a prophet and that He never died on the cross. Crescent Project's heart and mission is to see every Muslim have an opportunity to hear the truth, respond to the Gospel, and be connected to a follower of Jesus. Through the Embassy Ministry, Christians connect online with Muslims in closed countries who speak English. Receive training to build genuine friendships and share Christ.

Info: crescentproject.org/embassy

SOUTH ASIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTER

South Asian Friendship Center (SAFC) is in the heart of Chicago's Little India to express the love of Christ with their South Asian neighbors, reaching the whole family unit with the goodness of Jesus. They provide on-site and in-home tutoring, English classes, kids activities, hospitality, and so much more! Join the SAFC team in reaching the nations, right here in Chicago.

Info: safccchicago.com or email office@safccchicago.com

WORLD RELIEF

World Relief is an international Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. Our local Chicago office serves thousands of refugees and asylum-seekers each year with legal assistance, resettlement help, English tutoring, and more. There are opportunities for individuals and groups who may want to serve together or even "adopt" a family who is new to the United States. Welcome the nations on our doorstep and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Info: worldrelief.org/chicagoland/volunteer

DEVON OASIS

Devon Oasis is a Christian ministry caring for the many people in Little India. They welcome new neighbors with friendship and help them resettle in tangible ways. Opportunities are available to volunteer including helping with English and citizenship classes (no experience necessary), providing afterschool homework help as well as tutoring, visiting families in their homes, and doing outreach in the community.

Contact: Bob Andrews at andrewsbob@sbcglobal.net or (773) 428-7387

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

139 DISABILITY MINISTRY OUTREACH

The Lord has opened doors to minister to our neighbors down the street at the Eden Supportive Living Home. Join the 139 Disability Ministry in sharing the Gospel and building relationships with the residents! Volunteers are needed to help with Tuesday afternoon Bible study, transporting residents to and from The Moody Church on Sunday mornings, and more.

Info: elizabeth.wade@moodychurch.org

COMMUNITY FREEDOM

One of the biggest issues facing new believers exiting prison is getting connected to a local church. Community Freedom trains groups of people to serve as re-entry teams in churches across the country, equipping them to welcome former prisoners to church and helping them get connected. CF also has a network of resources for former prisoners to help meet their needs after incarceration.

Info: contact Eric Dorsey at ericdorsey@communitychristian.org

NAOMI'S HOUSE

Started by The Moody Church, Naomi's House seeks to help women who have suffered from commercial sexual exploitation. Naomi's House has a residential home in the western suburbs, a day program for women to receive extra support, and drop-in centers around the city to provide immediate help for women caught up in sex trafficking. Partnering with individuals and families allows survivors to start over and live flourishing lives, so volunteers with a heart for this kind of ministry are always welcomed.

Info: naomishouse.org/get-involved

PSALM 9:9 HOMELESS OUTREACH

The Psalm 9:9 Homeless ministry reaches out to the homeless in Chicago by providing food and clothing to anyone in need. Volunteers serve every fourth Saturday downtown in the Loop distributing food, toiletries, clothing, and Bibles. Come love your neighbors in a tangible way, bringing Christ's love to those going through difficult times.

Info: Rob McMahon, lopakamcm@gmail.com

FREEDOM SISTERS PRISON MINISTRY

Freedom Sisters is a Bible study ministry to the female detainees at Cook County Jail. We know that the Gospel is what truly sets us free, and we want to share this good news of freedom with our neighbors and community including those who cannot physically join us in church on a Sunday morning. Teams of women go each Sunday to lead Bible studies at the jail; an application process is required.

Info: moodychurch.org/women/city-outreach or email claire.vanderhart@moodychurch.org

STRATEGIC PRAYER

BLESS PRAYER APP

Developed by Chicagoland pastors, the BLESS Prayer App is an easy way to start praying for your neighbors by name. Downloading this free app and sharing your address will immediately populate a prayer list for each day of the week along with devotional reflections on how to love your neighbors. Pray more intentionally and strategically and see how the Spirit opens doors!

Info: theblessapp.com; download for free on Apple Store or Google Play

STREETS OF PRAYER APP

Pray over your neighborhood as you go about your day using guides from this prayer walking app! Streets of Prayer has an interactive map and GPS tracking to assist every believer in covering their community in prayer. Join the vision for God to raise up a billion Spirit-filled followers of Jesus to keep every person and place in persistent prayer by 2030.

Info: pray@streetsofprayer.org; download for free on Apple Store or Google Play

CHICAGOLAND UNITED IN PRAYER

Stand together with believers across the city to pray for peace in Chicago's neighborhoods. Large-scale prayer meetings are hosted by various churches throughout the year to lift up our city to the Lord. Fellowship and smaller prayer gatherings take place monthly. Become part of the movement today!

Info: chiunitepray.com

MISCELLANEOUS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join a local team to promote Operation Christmas Child in your community all year long! Volunteers serve year-round to recruit and train participants as well as coordinate the collection of shoebox gifts. This requires leaders and prayer warriors, people with skills in logistics and administration, and those with the gift of communicating. Find out how you can use your God-given talents in this effort to lead children, families, and communities around the world to the Greatest Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Info: samaritanspurse.org or email Pastor Bill at bill.vantuinen@moodychurch.org

SKYWORD MINISTRY AT MIDWAY

Skyword Ministries is the only authorized Christian Protestant chaplaincy privileged to serve at Midway International Airport. Our volunteer chaplain team conducts multiple chapel services every Sunday and on holidays for airport staff, airline employees, and passengers traveling through. Additional volunteers are needed, especially those with ministry credentials and experience.

Info: Contact Reverend Dave Pearson at reverendpearson@yahoo.com

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