

Sacred Space Report 2013

Sacred Space ministry is a community of un-housed and housed people called by God into Christian community and ministry for the purpose of transforming all our lives. During our weekly outdoor worship services in Oakland and Hayward, California, we offer opportunities for private conversation, prayer, blessing or encouragement, and lunch. We draw from the resources of diverse congregations living into God's compassion for the poor.

Our mission is to be in spiritual companionship with homeless and marginalized men and women and all who seek a non-threatening way to be with others in Christian relationship and in community. Since the close of St. Christopher's, Sacred Space is now the only Episcopal presence in the city of Hayward.

The board of directors or Leadership Team is responsible for oversight of operations of worship services, the proper use of donations of monies and supplies, coordination of food preparation and distribution, and plans for future growth.

The Leadership Team

The Rev. John F Trubina (Founder/Director, deacon), Tracy Brown and Marion Pallesen, St. Clare's, Pleasanton; the Rev. Mary Norquist-Hines, St. George's, Antioch; Claire Burke, Melissa Counsel, Bronwen House, and Janet Fischer, All Saints', San Leandro; and Anne Meyer and Janet Fischer (Web Mistress), St. John's, Oakland.

Structure for financial management and reporting

We are building Sacred Space to be an umbrella structure supporting multiple locations. We receive donations and grants that are designated for general use as well as designated for restricted use for a particular location based on the donor's interests. For example, a grant from Alameda Deanery would be restricted to support Sacred Space – Oakland. Rather than maintaining multiple accounts, all general and restricted funds are maintained in one account and are tracked and distributed to and for the specific Sacred Space locations as appropriate. All reports include the receipt, distribution, and use of general versus restricted funds. While not part of the standard financial reports, donations of lunches and supplies are also tracked and reported.

Sacred Space 2013 Budget

Source of income (2013) and food for Sacred Space: Diocesan Peace, Justice, and Hunger Commission; Alameda Deanery; Southern Alameda Deanery; Celtic Cross at CDSP; local thrift stores for clothing item; donations of individual supporters

2013 – Food / Sandwich supplies: St. Clare's, Pleasanton; All Saints', San Leandro; Holy Cross, Castro Valley; St. James', Fremont; St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Fremont; St. James's Episcopal Church, Oakland; St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland; Grand Lake Gardens Senior Center, Oakland;

Our outreach to potential donors, supporters, and volunteers is conducted through brochures, our website, Facebook, quarterly newsletters, and active engagement with local churches and civic groups