

## Sacred Space Report to Diocesan Convention 2015

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.

The Leadership Team is responsible for the oversight of operations and worship services. They are responsible for planning the future growth of the ministry. The leadership team consists of Claire Burke, Lori Cook, Melissa Counsel, Bronwen Howes, William Oliver, Marion Pallesen, Rev. John F Trubina, Janet Fisher (web mistress), and Phoenix Jackson (Hayward caseworker).

Since our last annual report, we have grown. SSH has moved to a permanent new location at Cannery Park. We have been given space for our services and lunch program. We operate in a private park operated under the California Park Services, due to the restrictions in Hayward on feeding the homeless on public property.

We continually receive private and church donations throughout the year to fund our purchasing of food, clothing, and personal hygiene products to distribute to our community. Our caseworker is funded under a grant from the Episcopal Charities. Our caseworker works with the members of our community on finding housing, medical care, and benefits.

Over the past year, we have had three individuals find work and permanent residences. One man found work in Fremont along with getting his own apartment; another man entered rehab for alcoholism and has been clean for 4 months. He also now lives in a group home off the streets. I have assisted a third man in getting his Veterans benefits and housing and helped a 50-year-old woman with diabetes and her husband find shelter and medical services. This year we have also served over 4900 lunches to 3000 individuals and over 1800 have received Holy Communion.

We continue receiving support from several parishes, groups, and individuals who assist in making and serving hot and cold lunches every Sunday to the members of Sacred Space. These are All Saints Episcopal Church, San Leandro; Christ the Lord Episcopal Church, Pinole; Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Castro Valley; St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Fremont; St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton; St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church; St. Giles Episcopal Church, Moraga; St. James' Episcopal Church, Fremont; St. James Episcopal Church, Oakland; St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland; St. Mark's, Berkeley; Grand Lake Gardens, Oakland (Senior Center); Matt G and Ariel; Marion Pallesen; Dale Bowman. Thank you!