## **Mission Statement**

The Mission of Ministry and Community Partnerships is to offer opportunities and resources for religious, spiritual, and faith development to those we serve, our staff, and opportunities for faith based community partnerships.

To meet our aim of nurturing and supporting spiritual wholeness in those we serve and our staff, our services are integrated into all CMI program areas. We support these efforts by maintaining a fulltime Agency Minister who provides pastoral leadership in matters of faith and religion at CMI. Our Minster is also our representative to the broader faith community.

In all our efforts we seek to create voluntary and meaningful opportunities and partnerships that will enable CMI and those with whom we partner to follow the call of Christ to serve the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.

## **Chapel Worship**

Each week, the Mission offers a Christian, ecumenical worship service. All worship services are Chapel open to everyone. Worship is generally 20-30 minutes long and includes prayer, music, scripture readings, and a



brief sermon. During the first week of each month Communion (The Lord's Supper) is offered as part of worship. There are also special services and worship events held during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.



## **Religious & Spiritual Development**

As part of CMI's commitment to providing support to the whole person, we provide opportunities to assist individuals in their own journey of faith. These

opportunities can include things such as bible studies, group or individual spiritual direction sessions, fellowship events, community ministry opportunities, and connections to community churches and faith based organizations. Our fulltime Agency Minister maintains regular open office hours as well as being

available by appointment to provide basic pastoral care services to individuals served or employed in CMI programs.



# Commitment to **Ecumenical** and **Interfaith Cooperation**

In all that we do, CMI is committed healthy ecumenical and interfaith cooperation and relationships that create unity as

we serve the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. Also, in keeping with our Statement of Faith, CMI respects the religious beliefs of all people. If users of CMI services or agency staff request religious, spiritual or faith opportunities in specific Christian traditions or other religious traditions, we are pleased to provide those services or facilitate community linkages to meet the needs of those individuals.

## **Faith Based Partnerships**

Community Missions is deeply committed to building partnerships in the faith community. Our goal in these partnerships is to seek



common ground where we can work with local faith based organizations in ways that help them realize the full potential of their own individual ministries while also increasing awareness of CMI services and involvement, volunteerism and support of our work. CMI also seeks to develop ongoing working faith based partnerships on the denominational, regional and nation levels.

## **Community Ministry and Outreach**



Community Missions historic and continuing mission is to minister to the needs of the disadvantaged and marginalized in our community. Sometimes the way to reach those in need is to go find them! Part of our

work then, is to engage the community directly with various street ministry and outreach efforts that communicate the Gospel message of hope and love through providing, information, opportunities, and support that will help individuals and families in need access the many service available at the Mission and elsewhere in the community.

## Get Involved!



These are just a few of the ways that your church or ministry can get involved with Community Missions

- Cooking For Christ
- Baskets of Compassion
- Gardens of Compassion
- General Work Days
- Special Local Missions Offering
- Dinner or Luncheon Fund-raiser
- Socks 'n Undies Sunday
- Car wash for Compassion
- The Gift of Christmas
- CMI Music Partnerships
- A Chapel Full of Love
- Annual Fund-Raiser Events
- "We Have This Idea..."

Let us help you reach your ministry and mission goals. Please visit our Many Hands of God website to get more information, or just contact us today to get involved.

**Community Missions** of Niagara Frontier Inc. 1570 Buffalo Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14303

www.communitymissions.org or call 716-285-3403, ext. 2259





# We Can Help!



If you or someone you know needs help, these are just some of the services we offer at Community Missions.

#### Crisis Services:

- Emergency Food & Housing 24/7
- Free Food Pantry 1:30 PM-3:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays
- Free Hot Lunch
   Monday Saturday
   11:30AM 12:30PM
- Free Clothing Closet & Furniture Giveaways

We Also Provide Services For:

- At Risk Youth
- Youth and Adults with Mental Health Issues
- Parole Re-entry Programs
- Individuals with HIV/AIDS

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"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

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### From Community Missions' Statement of Faith

As a Christian agency, our chosen role in terms of religion and faith is to express our belief that everyone benefits from spiritual growth. We will provide resources, programs, and community linkages, without proselytizing, that will enhance spiritual growth and wholeness in the faith/spiritual tradition of an individual's choice and support them as they seek to grow in that tradition.

(For the complete statement please visit www.communitymissions.org/about/stateof.htm)



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