# HOUSE OF HOPE MISSION INCUBATOR

# House of Hope: Mission Incubator



There is a newly born chick on the cover! Why? Because it is important to be clear: House of Hope is an

incubator. House of Hope incubates new, life-changing mission projects.

Many churches give funds to support mission, but House of Hope does more. Through extraordinary generosity, the Houses of Hope Fund (a dedicated restricted fund in the endowment), and leadership, our congregation has made real and lasting change.

We have a rich history of incubating new mission initiatives. House of Hope helped incubate the Jeremiah Program, which helps to break the cycle of poverty. They provide housing and guidance to single mothers so that they can pursue education and employment. This program is proving to be so successful that it is expanding throughout the country to meet the growing demand for its model.

House of Hope also helped incubate Ujamaa Place. Ujamaa provides an empowering experience by teaching young African American men how to navigate inequality and poverty—and to break the cycle of criminal recidivism. Ujamaa addresses the most marginalized men in society and, through deep relationships, overcome obstacles and achieve success.

House of Hope is helping birth a new facility for American Indian youth: Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung—which means "Our Good New Home" in the Ojibwe language. This emergency shelter for runaway and homeless American Indian youth will open this fall. The Ain Dah Yung Center is a national model, providing a broad spectrum of culturally relevant and cost-effective social services to youth and families. Annually, it provides services to approximately 1,100 youth.

House of Hope helped incubate Prior Crossing, a supportive housing program for youth experiencing homelesses another outstanding example of what God has called us to do. House of Hope continues to support these initiatives.

To incubate these projects, House of Hope entered into partnership with organizations outside of the church and helped to advocate for government funding, thereby multiplying the impact of our faith commitments. Our leadership and financial support has helped birth a new reality for so many people.

This month, our Sunday programs will help us get to know some of these major mission partners. Join us for the conversation.

Our unique ability to act as an incubator for significant mission projects provides an opportunity to consider where God is calling us in the future. Many exciting possibilities lie ahead.

—Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald



# **House of Hope Mission Partners**

House of Hope has heard Jesus' call to serve "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40) for generations. This congregation has responded to God's call with generosity and deepening relationships. We have played a key role in the launch, incubation, and expansion—sometimes national—of many mission partners.

We engage in the mission work through volunteerism, financial support, and leveraging our resources to incubate transformation. In this month's *Anchor*, we highlight four mission partners with whom we have ongoing work. But please remember we partner with many more! In fact, we worked with more than 50 nonprofits over the last five years.

We engage because Jesus draws House of Hope into this gospel work and makes us part of the divine story of building a more just and beautiful world. This is where our personal stories—the stories of our lives—intersect with the divine. As you learn more about our mission partners, think about how God may be inspiring you into a deeper intersection with the divine. —Mission Outreach Committee and Nancy Sabin, Chair



# **Peace & Global Witness Offering**

Each year the PC(USA) collects an offering to support the work of peacemaking across the world. This year's offering will support NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in its work with youth and young adults who are struggling with suicide. *Please give generously.* 

### **Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul**

Since its founding as the Saint Paul Council of Churches more than 100 years ago, House of Hope has been a key partner of what is now Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. It has grown into an organization that runs many programs including Community Power-Ups, the Department of Indian Work, Interfaith Youth Connection, Opportunity Saint Paul, and Power Up Legal Clinic.

One of many programs at Interfaith Action, Project Home is near and dear to House of Hope's heart. We support it with

a financial contribution each year, as well as with our space and volunteers. During the month of October, our church becomes home for families experiencing homelessness. Before entering emergency shelter, these families struggle with choosing to pay the rent or put food on the table. We hope you'll take the time to volunteer with Project Home this year. You can sign up to volunteer by staying overnight at the church or supporting evening programming at: bit.ly/HoH\_ProjectHome2019.



After worship on Sunday, **October 6**, we welcome **Sarah Peterka**, Interfaith Action's Director of Congregational Engage-



ment. She will give an overview of their ministries and share stories of the vital impact we make together.

# ENGAGE



# **The Ain Dah Yung Center**

In the 1980s, the first American Indian school in St. Paul recognized that many of its students were homeless or in homes that were affecting their ability to attend school and to succeed. They were focused on survival and meeting basic needs. The majority of homeless children and youth were and continue to be American Indian. Out of these realities, the hard work of many leaders, and generosity, the Ain Dah Yung Center was created in 1983.

House of Hope member Debbie Fulton championed our early support of Ain Dah Yung's mission, and with some fits and starts, our commitments have expanded. Today it serves as a national model for providing a spectrum of culturally-relevant and cost-effective social services to American Indian youth and their families.

House of Hope has made a multiyear funding commitment (\$20,000 per year) from the Houses of Hope Fund to Ain Dah Yung to fund the construction of Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (Our Good New Home in Ojibwe), a permanent supportive housing program for youth ages 18–24 experiencing homelessness. The building will feature efficiency apartments with a teaching kitchen, and a community circle for cultural teachings on each floor. Rev. Zach Wilson, Mission Outreach Chair Nancy Sabin, and several church members were blessed to go on a hard-hat tour of the new building in August.



Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung is slated to open by November. Following worship on **October 13**, we welcome their Director of Development, **Jacob Hustedt**, and

some of the Ain Dah Yung residents to share how stories about how the organization is transforming lives and how our partnership is essential to that transformation.

### **Mission In Action**

There are many ways to get involved in HOH Mission Outreach.

### **Mission Sewing**

Enjoy fellowship with purpose with this group. There is work for those who sew and those who don't—together or at your home. Next gathering: October 3, 9:30 a.m. Contact: Janet Brownell at (651) 765-4990.

### **Faith and Fibers**

This group meets to work on needlecrafts of all kinds. They are knitting slippers for Women's Advocates and Project Home—33 pairs completed so far and counting! Next meeting: October 8. Contact: Janice Dickinson at (651) 647-1786.

### **Loaves and Fishes**

HOH volunteers cook and serve dinner for about 100 people at St. Matthew's Church in West St. Paul. Upcoming events: October 21 and December 16. Contact: Kay or Paul Solon at (651) 398-0643.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity brings people together to create and preserve homeownership. HOH volunteers support a local house build in St. Paul and summer work camp. Contact: Dave Olsen at dwo823@yahoo.com.

# WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, October 6
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace & Global Witness Offering World Communion Sunday

### **The Motet Choir**

*Keep,* O'Regan *Ave verum corpus,* Byrd

**The Choir School** 

O Taste and See, Vaughn Williams

Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **The Motet Choir**

Dixit Dominus, Naumann I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes, Helvey

The Choir School

Make a Joyful Noise, Kotsche

Sunday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Motet Choir** 

Prayer to Jesus, Oldroyd His Voice, Fleming

Sunday, October 27 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Motet Choir** 

Teach Me, O Lord, Byrd Open Thou Mine Eyes, Rutter

The Choir School

Give Ear Unto Me, Marcello

### **Ujamaa Place**

Ujamaa Place provides wraparound services to assist young African American men primarily between the ages of 18 and 30, who are economically

disadvantaged and have experienced repeated cycles of failure. Our recently retired minister, Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke, helped to found Ujamaa Place in 2009 and continues to serve on their board. Ujamaa Place has an amazing record of empowering young African American men to be the authors of their lives.



Executive Director, Otis Zanders, will be here on Sunday, October 20 with some Ujamaa men to share their stories of transformation. In June, we had more

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than 40 House of Hope members attend a Ujamaa's benefit concert, and we'd love to have even more attend the Celebrating Every Step Forward Breakfast on October 10 at Inwood Oaks (484 Inwood Avenue, St. Paul). Register at: http://www. ujamaaplace.org/2019-annual-breakfast. html.

# **Jeremiah Program**

Launched in Minneapolis in 1993, the Jeremiah Program offers one of the nation's most successful strategies for transforming families from poverty to prosperity two generations at a time through education, affordable housing, and empowerment and life skills training.

Witnessing the success of the program in Minneapolis, community leaders in St. Paul—including members of our congregation—sought ways to provide transformative change for single mothers and their children on our side of the river.

House of Hope provided a multiyear grant totaling more than \$250,000 to fund the expansion. Additionally, members advocated and worked with local stakeholders to illustrate that the program could be an effective tool for addressing multi-generational poverty across the United States.

Since then the Jeremiah Program has expanded to Austin (Texas), Boston, Fargo-Moorehead, New York, and Rochester (MN). And House of Hope is an important part of this success story. That's not all—we continue to have members volunteer with the Jeremiah Project and serve in volunteer and leadership capacities with the Jeremiah Program.

We welcome Patty Healy Janssen, the Twin Cities' Director of Development on Sunday, October 27 to give us an overview of the Jeremiah Program, our history of partnership, and opportunities to continue to work together. Make sure you also talk with House of Hope member Ginger Bailey who volunteers regularly and Mission Outreach Chair Nancy Sabin who maintains an active interest. If you came to National Night Out in August, you may have met participants and graduates of the program who are our neighbors and still value the House of Hope's commitment to their success.





# **House of Hope Gives**

At House of Hope, we are deeply committed to our community. We support organizations that align with our values of social justice, human rights, theological education, and artistic expression. Our support takes many shapes—volunteers teach cooking classes to previously homeless youth, families "adopt" families at Christmas allowing them to experience the joy of the season, and volunteers weed and harvest our Community Garden to provide fresh produce for local food shelves.

We also award financial grants to organizations that put our values into action. With dedicated support from HOH's general budget, along with significant commitments from restricted endowment funds, here are some of the organizations that we supported in 2016–2018:

Central Presbyterian Church: \$16,000 Feed My Starving Children: \$6,750

Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul: \$22,000

The Jeremiah Program: \$20,000

Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health & Well Being: \$7,200 Presbyterian Church – Support for Josh Heikkila: \$15,000

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest: \$7,000 Presbyterian World Mission: \$15,000

Ujamaa Place: \$21,000

Westminster Presbyterian Church–Twin Cities Houses of

Hospitality: \$10,000

Women's Advocates: \$6,000



# **Directly support Mission Outreach**

**Book sales:** Purchase David Johnson's *A Journey of Hope*, celebrating 150 years of House of Hope's history; or *Windows*, giving voice to the stories in our stained glass windows (written by HOH members Anne Yuska and Dick Crone). Books are available in the church office and in our online church store found at: hoh-church.org > about-us > church-store.

**Flower memorials:** Reserve a poinsettia for Christmas or a lily for Easter in honor or in memory of loved ones. Flower memorials are available seasonally.



# **Harvest of Hope Bash 2019**

# Sunday, October 6 and 13 | Kirk Parlour

You can play a role in the mission that touches the lives of so many. From sharing God's love with people living in Ghana, to feeding malnourished children around the world, to providing vital mental health support to children in the Twin Cities, we are engaged in making the world a more just and beautiful world.

The Bash is a church-wide social event fondly dubbed a "party with a purpose" that allows us to fuel our mission to support the community around us. Please join us to inspire others to "love and good works" with your generosity.





### **Great Decisions**

# October 8 | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour Nuclear Negotiations with Mary Curtin

Nuclear weapons, developed in the 1940's, have not gone away and the current administration has brought a new approach to dealing with them. What will nuclear negotiations look like going forward?

For 25 years, Mary Curtin was a Foreign Service Officer in the State Department. Dr. Curtin has expertise in issues of nuclear nonproliferation, Middle East policy, European affairs (EU and NATO), and human rights. Today, she teaches at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

# Women's Breakfast Book Group 7 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

- October 4: The Violinist's Thumb: And Other Lost Tales of Love, War, and Genius, as Written by Our Genetic Code, Sam Kean
- October 11, 18: An Hour Before
   Daylight: Memories of a Rural Southern
   Boyhood, Jimmy Carter
- October 25: Common Hope

# Sunday Exchange: Talk, Listen or Just Be Together

This fall it's Sunday Exchange—times two. The Sunday Exchange is growing. This relaxed, open conversation about faith and life begins at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1—now twice a month (the second and last Sundays).

- October 13: What's enough? Really?
- October 27: Should your faith get you in trouble?

Pick up coffee, tea or whatever and join us. If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

# Sunday Weekday Connections October 29 at 6 p.m. | Kirk Parlour

Kimberly Owens-Parenteau is a fourthgeneration member of House of Hope and current elder whose career as an international corporate trainer has taken her across the world. Now a government contract compliance trainer for 3M, she will talk about her struggles and successes abroad. Kimberly and her husband, Andre Parenteau, have a five-year-old daughter, Abigail.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together women of the congregation for fellowship and a light supper. The cost is \$25. Reserve your spot at our table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship or call the church office. Upcoming dates: January 28, February 28, and March 31.

# CLOISTER GALLERY



We returned home from Ireland a year ago, yet the pilgrimage is still in process. The same is true for the group who journeyed through Scotland. In traveling together as spiritual seekers, we opened to God through new vistas, ferocious wind and pelting rain, and the sacred surrounded us in the Thin Places of Aran and Iona.

Photographs from these two trips are hanging in the Cloister Gallery.

# Ways to Give at House of Hope

Express your faith through generosity. House of Hope members are committed to regular giving. It is how we partner with God to do good work.

If you already regularly give to HOH's general offering, thank you! Your gifts provide nearly 60% of the funding needed to sustain the high-quality ministry programs. Each gift, in any amount, makes an impact.

There are many ways to show your support:

- Go to hohchurch.org, click on the Giving at House of Hope link on the top and click on Donate Now.
- Set up a profile at MyHOH to manage your giving online. This popular option allows you to easily update your preferences. **Become a sustainer** by setting up a recurring contribution or make a one-time gift.
- Text HOH to 73256 to give by text.
- Check: Bring or mail to House of Hope, 797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Thank you for "inspiring one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24)





# Children, Youth, and Family Mission Work

This year we have added many opportunities for children (especially tweens) to get involved in local and global mission partnerships throughout the 2019–2020 school year.

### **Local Mission Opportunities:**

- Advent and Lenten canned food drives
- Blanket-making
- HOH gardening & playground clean-up
- Christmas Sponsor-a-Family

### **Global Mission Opportunities:**

- Feed My Starving Children
- One Great Hour of Sharing



# **Halloween Party**

House of Hope is hosting a Halloween Party for families, friends, neighbors, and Project Home participants on Wednesday, October 30 from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy games, art activities, arcade games, snacks, goody bags, and more! Costumes are highly encouraged! Donations are appreciated to offset the cost of this ministry event. All are welcome!

**Donations.** We are collecting individually-wrapped, nut-free candy and new white cotton t-shirts (child and youth sizes) to tie-dye at the party. Please bring donations to Room 7 on Sunday mornings or the church office during the week.

**Interested in volunteering?** We need adult to help supervise the party and to launder costumes for the children with Project Home. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

# **Christmas Sponsor-A-Family**

Seeing hundreds of boxes of Christmas gifts loaded into a U-HAUL last December was a testament to the caring volunteer community at House of Hope. Every year, the people of our church remind us what the Christmas season is truly about by sharing with those in need.

Last year our church provided Christmas gifts to 76 families—this year we're aiming to spread Christmas joy to 80 families. A list of families and gift ideas will be available for "adoption" after worship in the Kirk Parlour the first three Sundays in November. Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome and will be used to provide grocery gift card for each family.



The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein.

- Psalm 24:1

Earth Care Team members attended Presbyterians for Earth Care's national conference, which envisioned restored relationships between the Earth, all its creatures, and the One who created us. More than 140 participants from 28 states learned how scripture is calling and leading us to speak, act, and advocate for renewal.

Presbyterians for Earth Care partners with PC(USA) Environmental Ministries to connect, equip, and inspire Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the Church.

Let us know! If you are taking steps to live in mindful stewardship of God's creation when you sign the Friendship pad during Sunday worship, next to your name put an /



# **SAVE THE DATE**

Women's Annual Advent **Breakfast** 

Friday, December 6, 7-9 a.m. Town and Country Club, St. Paul

Registration begins Sunday, November 3, 2019.



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# Inspire Others With Love | Stephen Ministry at HOH

House of Hope's Stephen Ministry program offers compassionate and confidential support to those going through challenging and difficult times. In the past four years, Stephen Ministers have provided thousands of hours of one-onone lay ministry care to those in need.

At a recent gathering, we asked "What does being a Stephen Minister mean to you?" The answers came pouring forth:

"It means a great deal to me to know that my church supports this kind of ministry—one of caring and relationship building. It makes me proud."

"It's a privilege to be God's presence. To be God's heart, hands, and feet during



another's difficult time. I give a lot, and yet, I get a lot."

"My work as a Stephen Minister reminds me how much we have in common as people. We are all human beings—and at some time we all need support. We are not alone on this faith journey." Several Care Receivers also recently expressed their gratitude.

"It's good to know I'm not alone. I'm grateful to know someone so caring who will walk along this difficult path with me—my times with the Stephen Minister makes this difficult journey so much easier."

"I so enjoy the laughter and sharing—it's good to be seen and heard, and to not endlessly need to bother friends and family."

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister? Please contact Rev. Julia Carlson, (651) 223-7553, JuliaC@hohchurch.org

