

Mission and Social Change Working Group

Proposal: Engage in projects which address FOOD INSECURITY locally (Eradicating Systemic Poverty / Matthew 25)

During the pandemic even more than before, food insecurity is an issue locally. FPC is positioned both physically and financially to play a role in helping those in need.

What do we envision accomplishing with this proposal?

- A. Help fund institutions in Cleveland which are getting food to those who need it
- B. Maintain / expand the Little Free Pantry on the church property, which has been seeing steady use since its installation. Consider adding 1-2 Little Free Pantry sites in Cleveland Heights, possibly in partnership with another Cleveland Heights church.
- C. Investigate and join with efforts to alleviate food deserts in Greater Cleveland
- D. Educate congregation on why addressing food insecurity is important and what we can do to address need, particularly what we can do in Cleveland Heights.

What will be the impact of this proposal?

- Immediate assistance to those individuals and families who would otherwise be hungry
- Systemic changes which would bring supermarkets, rather than fast food, into neighborhoods without

With whom will we partner to accomplish this proposal?

- Greater Cleveland agencies to whom we make annual financial donations from our Mission Budget (Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Heights Emergency Food Bank, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, Hunger Network, Forest Hill Abundance Food Pantry)
- FPC youth and adults who are sponsoring and maintaining the Little Food Pantry on the church's Scarborough lawn
- GCC or other organizations which are investigating and addressing food deserts in the area

What resources will be needed?

- Annual Mary Marm Wilson dedicated fund for hunger - \$10,000 annually
- Donations of non-perishable foods, health items, pet foods, etc. by members to the Little Food Pantry
- A specified budget available for use when free-will donations are temporarily down
- An enlarged committee to assist the few people currently spearheading this effort

What is the time table for implementing this proposal?

- A. Sponsors of Little Free Pantry and Serve Council leadership develop plan for developing and rolling out changes (3 mos.).
- B. Communicate to congregation on changes and what is needed from membership.

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