

In 1981, local churches were called upon to assume a greater role in providing services to the needy and because of the biblical mandate to serve those in need. The faith community in Frederick County answered this call and created The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. The Coalition has expanded to become the largest source of emergency financial assistance in Frederick County outside of local government.



The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs is an organization comprised of people of faith committed to making our faith real through acts of compassion that manifest God's caring presence. We coordinate donations of time, talent, money, food and other resources to meet the urgent needs of people of Frederick County. The Coalition works toward a more just and compassionate society.

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**Yes, we want to join together to minister to our neighbors in need**

✓ We commit to the following:

- An annual financial pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Appointing a liaison
- Volunteering in the ministries of the Religious Coalition
- Conducting a personal hygiene product drive
- Conducting regular food drives

Name of House of Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

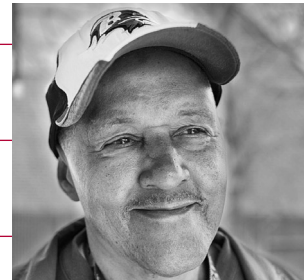
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*All Donations Remain in Frederick County.*

# The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs Covenant of Ministry



COMPASSION

FAITH

SERVE

GENEROSITY

GRACE

*Those who give to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will repay them for their kindness. - Proverbs 19:17*

# COMPASSION

The Religious Coalition provides screening and coordination of services to the poor and needy on behalf of the houses of worship in Frederick County.

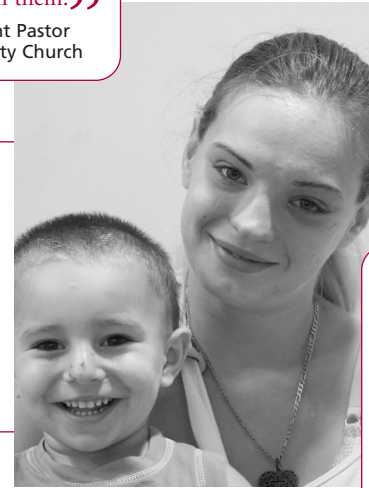
“My experience with the Religious Coalition has been wonderful. I am delighted to be in partnership with them.”

Todd Rigby, Assistant Pastor  
Maranatha Community Church



# FAITH IN ACTION

- Screening & coordination of service to the needy in our community
- Central location avoids duplication of service
- Continuity of care to the most needy
- Central location for coordination of resources
- Educational resources in advocating for the needy



“One church alone cannot meet the needs of so many persons seeking services in these challenging economic times but through the generous partnership of many churches and organizations, basic needs can be met and lives transformed through the respectful care and service of the Coalition’s staff and volunteers.”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, Pastor  
Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

# SERVE

- Refer persons needing emergency financial assistance to the Religious Coalition
- Make a financial contribution to our ministry
- Designate one member of your congregation as a liaison to work with the Religious Coalition
- Encourage members to volunteer in one of the Coalition’s programs
- Collect personal hygiene supplies for one month each year to stock our Emergency Personal Hygiene Pantry
- Conduct food drives for an affiliated food bank

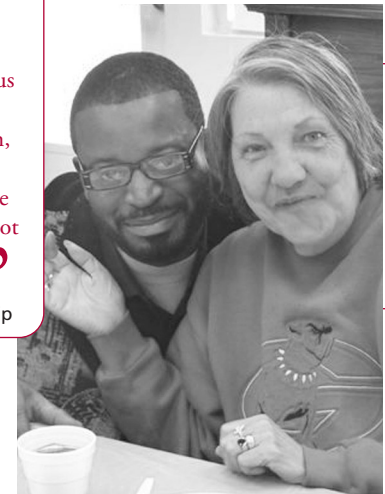
# GENEROSITY

- A church of 50 members or less: \$500+ per year.
- A church of 51-100 members: \$1000+ per year.
- A church of 101-500 members: \$2000-\$4000+ per year.
- A church of 500 or more members: \$7,000-\$30,000+ per year.



“It is our privilege to be supporters of the Alan P. Linton Emergency Cold Weather Shelter and Exodus project. Through the ministry provided by them, we know God’s love and compassion is restoring the hope of those who might not otherwise receive it.”

Janet Cregger, Care Pastor  
Frederick Christian Fellowship



# GRACE

- \$700 Operates the Cold Weather Shelter for 1 Night
- \$500 Prevents 1 Family From Being Evicted
- \$300 Provides Energy Assistance for 2 Families
- \$200 Provides Prescription Assistance for 2 Clients
- \$100 Supports 1 Family at a Local Food Bank

“Our congregation is happy to partner with the Religious Coalition because we see the ways that our combined resources can better serve the needs of the people in our communities. Whether we volunteer our time or give financial support, we see this ministry as a faithful way to follow Jesus’ command to serve the neighbor in need.”

Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman, Pastor  
Zion Lutheran Church