

Joint Venture Ministry Team (JVMT)

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List of the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team:

- ❖ Old First: Michael Caine, Megan Grimm, Bob Robinson, Kathy Sykes, Beth Walker, Jackie Williams
- ❖ Community Ventures: David La Fontaine, Troy Hannigan, Patrick Isaac
- ❖ DePaul USA: Sandra Guillory

As you look at your goals for 2019, what were you able to accomplish? Please be as specific as possible.

- ❖ Completed successful Community Engagement Work which included meeting with neighboring congregations, neighborhood associations, community members, Councilman Squilla, and convening a community meeting.
- ❖ We were successful in garnering vibrant community support for our building project due in large part to positive relationships over 35 years of serving people who are homeless and being a vital part of the community.

Where is your group or ministry area stuck? What 2019 goals were not accomplished? What is your group or ministry area pondering?

- ❖ We were not successful in receiving an award of a needed grant from the city and thus were unable to proceed with our application to the Federal Government.

What do you hope to accomplish in 2020?

- ❖ Meet with City Officials to answer any questions they may have about our development project and gain their support for our application.
- ❖ We plan to resubmit our application for city funding in the 2020 cycle and prepare our submission for the Federal Tax Credits if and when we receive a commitment of funds from the City.

What are the ways that the church can support your team in achieving your goals?

- ❖ Pray for God's presence and grace in this undertaking.
- ❖ Celebrate our accomplishments as they occur, knowing that all of this will happen in God's time.
- ❖ Support our current work in the shelter, ask questions, think through next steps about our vision for this ministry.

The church will be 300 years old in 2027. How do you see your ministry evolving in the next seven years? What will it take to achieve those goals?

- ❖ Develop ways the congregation can engage and support the men in the shelter.
- ❖ Look for opportunities to support the work of our joint ministry partners in their work in providing supportive homes for those who are homeless or formerly homeless.

- ❖ Create a 501 C (3) corporation as we move forward in our development of a new building.
- ❖ Develop ways to engage with the community when we support the men and women who will live in our building.
- ❖ As the project moves forward, continue to engage the neighborhood in our mission to care for the most vulnerable in the city.