

Christ United Methodist Ministry Center 3295 Meade Avenue San Diego CA 92116 www.cummc.org (619) 284-9205 Cover Illustration: Rev. Dr. Bill Jenkins, Founder and Director of Christ Ministry Center and Safe Harbors Network, washes the feet of an asylum seeker. Photo: Keoni Cabral

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# **2021 Director's Report**

Christ Ministry Center (CMC) is a non-profit faith-based urban ministry center of The United Methodist Church (UMC) in San Diego, CA.

Christ United Methodist Church (UMC) had its beginning in 1911. One hundred years later, in June 2011, the

California Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church transferred the charter from Christ UMC to Christ Ministry Center (CMC). Dr. Bill Jenkins, who had served as pastor of Christ UMC for 12 years, retired from the pulpit and became Executive Director of CMC.

Transitioning from a traditional church, CMC adopted the model of **Matthew 25**, meeting the needs of the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, prisoners and strangers. This meant CMC became a "7-days-a-week" church.

The purpose of "Christ United Methodist Ministry Center" is to:

- provide a nurturing environment for worship, religious education, and fellowship for religious congregations in the advancement of religion and ministry.
- provide a base of operations for charitable and community non-profit organizations engaged in public benefit ministries; especially relief of the poor, distressed and underprivileged.
- create and maintain a mechanism to harness the resources of existing non-profit charities and churches in the San Diego area which enables them more efficiency and effectiveness in helping the helpless.

We achieve our purpose by offering a home for "homeless congregations" to worship and minister, and for public benefit charities to help the helpless. Christ Ministry Center is home to several diverse congregations who share worship and education space. These include churches of various denominations and diverse ethnic, cultural and language backgrounds. Numerous non-profit and charitable organizations, some with worldwide outreach, are based at CMC.

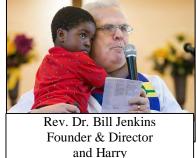
Dr. Jenkins also founded Safe Harbors Network (SHN) in 2018 to assist in finding "bed space" for the many refugees coming to CMC needing assistance and help.

This Annual Report highlights how CMC in conjunction with Safe Harbors Network fulfills their missions.

2021 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Ministry Center.

### **The COVID-19 Pandemic Impact**

The COVID-19 pandemic virtually brought the world to a standstill in 2020 and 2021. CMC was built on a business model that received their primary income from rents collected from the churches and non-profits who used the building. With statewide orders banning public worship, CMC's income dropped sharply. Fortunately, by the grace of God, CMC has matured and even expanded to stay afloat with the help of grants and other financial opportunities. Despite the pandemic's impact on CMC, we give thanks that CMC/SHN has not only survived but was able to expand its ministries; particularly the free medical clinics expanded their days of operation; the new Kitchen Table meal Ministry increased their meals to more than 20,000 meals distributed; and SHN expanded the number of locations for beds for the refugees to over 100 beds per night. Praise God!





## **Our Staff & Team**



Rev. Dr. Bill Jenkins Founder and Director

**REV. DR. WILLIAM L. JENKINS** grew up in Mississippi during the 1960s Civil Rights Era. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Delta State University, where he did his student teaching at an African American high school in the Mississippi Delta. This began a lifelong passion for social justice. Bill received his Doctor of Ministry degree at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur (Atlanta) GA. In 2011, Bill "retired from the pulpit" and established Christ United Methodist Ministry Center, an urban ministry center focused upon social justice at what had been Christ United Methodist Church of San Diego. The "Ministry Center Model" he developed is based on Matthew 25. Over 1500 individuals per week now come to Christ Ministry Center for spiritual support, food, free clinics, clothes, recovery, and/or shelter for immigrants. In 2018 Bill founded Safe Harbors Network (also a 501(c)3 non-profit) to help find beds for refugees and other homeless.

**REV. DR. DONALD R. OWENS** was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was active in his church, and in May 1979, accepted a call to the ministry at the Antioch Baptist Church in Waukegan, Illinois. He was ordained November 1981. Rev. Owens is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and Bethel Theological Seminary and Southern California Bible School where he earned his master's degree in Biblical Studies, and Doctoral Degree in 2014. Pastor Owens attended the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island where he was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy. He received a number of civic and military awards and recognitions. June 14, 2003, Rev. Owens became the organizing and founding Pastor of Exodus Church. On February 15, 2015, Exodus United Methodist Church was formed combining four ministries together. In June 2015, Exodus UMC received its official charter at the California-Pacific Annual Conference, and Bishop



Rev. Dr. Donald Owens Associate Director

Carcaño' appointed Owens Pastor of Exodus United Methodist Church where he still serves. Exodus was the first UMC church chartered in San Diego in the last 30 years. In August 2018, Rev. Owens was assigned as Unemployment Insurance Chief of the Northern Operations Division by the California Labor Secretary. He was responsible for the oversight of ten Unemployment Offices. On March 1, 2021, after twenty years of serving the people of California, Pastor Owens retired from State Employment. Dr. Owens and his wife, Beverly, have five beautiful children and eleven grandchildren.



Jeannetta Watson Office Manager

**MRS. JEANNETTA WATSON** is a native of Texas. She and her daughter, Christian, became members of Christ United Methodist Church in 1999. Jeannetta immediately became active in choir, worship, Ladies of the Spirit (LOTS), Bible study and volunteering for the Annual Easter Children's Festival, Thanksgiving Community Meal and Christmas Ministries (Toys for Tots). Jeannetta's background is in Customer Service. In 1998, she became a Call Center Representative, and quickly worked her way up to Administrative Assistant. After 7 years of service Jeannetta became a Lead Customer Service Representative for a Biotech Company affiliated with Merck Industries. In 2008, Jeannetta became Office Manager of Christ United Methodist Church, which became Christ Ministry Center in 2011. She is married and has several children and grandchildren in San Diego.

**PASTOR JEAN ELISE DURANDISSE** has served as Pastor of the Haitian Methodist Ministry of San Diego for the past 10 years. The church became the processing hub for the recent Haitian mass influx of Haitian immigrants, providing shelter and humanitarian services for more than 5,000 people since May 2016. He has been doing immigrant and refugee work since 2010, following the devastating earthquake in his home country of Haiti. He has partnered with the Safe Harbors Network, Catholic Charities, the International Rescue Committee, and Alliance of San Diego among others to address the needs of the community he serves. He also serves CMC as Collective Impact Center Director. Pastor Jean Elise went to Claremont School of Theology and is a candidate to become an Elder by the California Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church. He currently resides in San Diego, CA and is married with one child. His other passions include social activism and music. He



Pastor Elise Durandisse Impact Center Manager

serves as one of two lead singers of a gospel group, "Louange a Dieu" (Praise to God).



Jimmy Marcelin Immigration Manager

**MINISTER JIMMY MARCELIN** is an honor graduate of Florida Metropolitan University, Orlando FL. Prior to coming to CMC in 2016, Jimmy oversaw the Haitian immigration ministry at Second Haitian Church of the Nazarene (2003-2014). As Immigration Manager at CMC, Jimmy coordinated intake and care for over 5,000 refugees within one year. He oversees operations for The Welcome Homes and Apartments for CMC, as well as other refugee homes throughout Safe Harbors Network. Jimmy is responsible for attending immigration court appointments, doctor and hospital visits, and welfare appointments with our refugee clients. He speaks Haitian Creole and English fluently in his counseling role for those in need. Jimmy is also the Lead for CMC's "Kitchen Table Ministry".

**REV. MICHAEL MOSES** was raised and educated in Rialto, California, graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1977. As a student-athlete, he attended California State University at Los Angeles from 1977 – 1981 on a basketball scholarship. He attended San Diego Christian College and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development and went on to Capella University. After graduation, he became a clinical associate working towards acquiring an LPCC licensure. He also worked at the San Diego Rescue Mission as a Residential Advisor. A cache of life and professional experiences has prepared Rev. Moses to efficiently intervene in the lives of others and equipped him with a unique set of skills, a wealth of knowledge, and clinical expertise to aid others in developing life-long wellness. In 2018, he was appointed to plant and pastor a church that he is currently pastoring, Winston Chapel AME Zion. This new opportunity led to



Rev. Michael Moses Volunteers and Donations

the establishment of a ministry based on his heartfelt passion for feeding, clothing, and ministering to the needs of those who have been marginalized, disenfranchised, and disadvantaged in our society. He is currently doing fieldwork for a Master of Science degree in Mental Health Clinical Counseling from Capella University, where he will ultimately become a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (Therapist). Rev. Moses is currently employed at the San Diego Rescue Mission as a Residential Advisor in the Men's Center.



**MR. & MRS. KENT (Debby) RAYSIN** are members of Nestor United Methodist Church. They serve the community by managing the Good Neighbor Centers (GNC) at CMC and Nestor UMC. They provide food and clothing and create opportunities of hope for underserved populations in San Diego. GNC serves over 30,000 people annually from its two locations at Nestor and CMC.

Founded in 1968 by METRO Urban Ministries, GNC celebrates over 50 years of continued service to the community. Good Neighbor Center was METRO's longest running ministry before being transferred to become a ministry of CMC in 2018.

Kent & Debby Raysin Good Neighbor Center (GNC)

#### Former Team Members Who Were Essential to CMC in 2021



Bill Campion Maintenance & Repair Specialist



James Elkins CWS Intern

**MR. BILL CAMPION**, owner of "If It's Broke", served as our repair and maintenance specialist for six years. He was the quintessential "Jack of all trades" for CMC. On projects large and small, Bill was always ready to fix what was broken in our aging building and parsonages. And if he could not do it all by himself, he was our project manager and would find the right people for the job and oversee and inspect the work. He helped bring us up to code with fire and city regulations. In late 2021 Bill retired. He was, and still is, a valued member of our family. We cannot thank him enough for everything he did for CMC. Enjoy your well-earned retirement, Mr. Bill!

**MR. JAMES ELKINS** came to us in 2021 as a six-month intern on loan from Church World Service (CWS). From day one, it was obvious he was not sitting around waiting to be told what to do. He jumped right in and started helping right away. He recognized blind spots we had gotten into and improved our immigration procedures. He wasn't afraid to roll up his sleeves, either. James did everything from creating or fixing databases, to shopping for the needs of immigrants, to assembling their furniture. We should not have been surprised that he has been accepted into medical school, but like Bill, we feel the absence of these extraordinary helpers sent from above.

Bill Campion and James Elkins are two staff/family members whose influence will be felt literally for years to come.

# **Food Support**

CMC provides food support to the community in three ways:

- Good Neighbor Center (GNC)
- The Kitchen Table
- Free Clinic's Nutrition Programs

### **Good Neighbor Center (GNC)**



For over 50 years, the Good Neighbor Center has provided free food to those who are hungry. Good Neighbor Centers provide food and clothing and create opportunities of hope for underserved populations in San Diego. GNC serves over 30,000 people annually from its two locations at Nestor United Methodist Church and CMC. GNC is a ministry of CMC and received recognition from The Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank in 2021 for their dedication in

fighting hunger in the San Diego Community.

Good Neighbor Pantry

Mrs. Debby Raysin is the Director of CMC's Good Neighbor Center.

Christ Ministry Center has long provided a room where non-perishable foods and donated clothing are kept for emergency situations. Almost daily, someone drops in who has not heard of the Good Neighbor Center or The Kitchen Table meals and needs either food immediately or clothing. Our staff is always willing to open the door for anyone in need of diapers, food, or clothes, as long as they are available.



The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank would like to recognize Emergency Food Assistance Program partner

#### CMC Good Neighbor Center Meade Site

for their dedication to fighting hunger in the San Diego community.

During 2021, CMC Good Neighbor Center - Meade Site distributed a total

#### 67,332 pounds of food

*(equivalent to 56,110 meals)* Serving an average of **192 households** (845 people) each month.



### The Kitchen Table Ministry

"The Kitchen Table" is the name of the new CMC ministry of free "ready to heat & eat" meals started in late 2020.

In partnership with Kitchens for Good, (a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to reducing food waste, providing healthy professionally prepared restaurant quality meals for those who are food insecure, and food service job training); CMC has become a distribution center for frozen meals twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. (except holidays).

Each nutritionally balanced, pre-cooked meal is professionally and individually packaged and frozen, and ready to heat and eat.



#### "The Kitchen Table" ministry distributed over 20,000 free pre-cooked frozen meals in 2021.



People lined up to pick up free meals





The staff giving away "Kitchen Table" Meals



Each package contains a nutritious balanced and precooked meal

### **Free Clinic's Nutrition Programs**

The Ministry Center Community Clinic (MCCC) served a healthy meal to go Thursday evenings for approximately <u>70 individuals a week</u>, primarily for their patients and neighborhood homeless.

UCSD Free Clinic made 1,700 pounds of food deliveries per week to their patients in 2021.

Both clinics promote healthy eating as part of their healthy living care for the underfed population in San Diego.



UCSD's bags of fruit, vegetables, grains, and protein ready for delivery.





"Thank you, God, for our food."

# Worship & Spiritual Support



### Worship

**Eight congregations** conduct worship at CMC each week. Three of these congregations formed **Exodus UMC** in February 2015 including African American, Hispanic, and Haitian. The remaining congregations reflect a diversity in Christian communities, including Adventists, Marshallese UCC, Eritrean Christian, and AME Zion, Before the pandemic, <u>approximately 300 people in</u> <u>these congregations worshiped each week</u> in CMC's Sanctuary, Chapel, or other facilities.

Despite the pandemic order that meant there could be no public

Exodus Church Service worship, our congregations have found ways to continue ministry through virtual worship and ministries to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Counseling

### Lifeology

A Family Counseling Center (Lifeology) chose CMC to open their San Diego location in 2021. Under the direction of Rev. Michael Moses, Pastor of Winston Chapel AME Zion Church, this brings an urgently needed new community service to CMC's existing services and programs.

### **Clinic Counseling**

- UCSD Student run Free Clinic provided 570 hours of psychotherapy in 2021.
- MCCC Free Clinic also offers counseling services.

### 12 Step Groups

We have nearly a dozen "12 Step" groups meeting at CMC. They are either formed for persons who abuse (or have abused) alcohol or drugs, or both. Their purpose is to help addicts find sobriety and maintain sobriety, so they can free themselves (and their families) from the prison of addiction and live the best life they can. We want to call them out because we are very proud to assist these groups by finding meeting/counseling spaces for them. The fact that we are a "church" is powerful for them, because many feel (because of their addictions) that they are shunned by some religious establishments. CMC is formed to *help* people with no judgements made on who we are helping—we are all God's children.

Providing space for these individuals to hold group counseling to help them escape the bondage of addiction is important to us. We lost some 12 Step groups in 2021 due to the pandemic's ban on in-person meetings, but we have since gained five more! Several of our new 12 Step groups are very special because they are formed of certain people who have like characteristics. We have one which is formed of only deaf members, one which is for Youth addicts, and one which is an all-women's group. They are the first of their kinds for San Diego. We pray for these people and wish them the best!

Rev. Janet Jacobs is Director of Gambling Recovery Ministries, an ecumenical ministry begun by Indiana United Methodists and now has resources at CMC. GRM brings healing resources to broken lives of addicted gamblers and their loved ones. Janet and her husband, Ron, divide their time between their homes in Southern Indiana and San Diego. Their daughter, Dr. Ginger Jacobs, is an immigration attorney in San Diego.

# **Clothing Ministry**

### **Brother's Keeper**

We operate a clothing closet called Brother's Keeper to distribute items from the closet as needed to men, women, and children, as well as diapers and personal hygiene items.

This year (2021), "Save the Children" partnered with us and provided us pallets of diapers and children's clothing, free of charge.

We are grateful for the donations of non-perishable foods and personal care items, along with clothes (particularly for infants and children).



Clothes for Brother's Keeper

This is an extension of those ministries and the "Brother's Keeper" ministry that dates back decades at Christ United Methodist Church, now CMC.

In late 2021, we were fortunate to enlist the help of Rev. Michael Moses as our "Donations Manager" which has enabled us to organize and improve the efficiency of our donations received processes, greatly expanding the number of people we may help.



Toiletries and diapers



Clothes

# **Medical Services**

CMC is proud to provide two free medical clinics. In partnership with the community, their mission is to provide respectful, empowering, high quality health care for the underserved while inspiring the next generation of health professionals.

### **Ministry Center Community Clinic (MCCC)**



Dr. Mary Baker Director

Formerly operated by Cal State - San Marcos School of Nursing, MCCC is now part of the **Southern California Care Community (SoCalCC),** under the direction of Dr. Mary Baker. MCCC is one of the four student run SoCalCC clinics in San Diego and Orange County. MCCC has recently transitioned from one to two days a week at CMC.

MCCC also received a grant of \$25,000 from CVS to be used solely for food.





SoCalCC Free Clinic had 4,583 patient encounters in 2021, of which 1,781 were at CMC in 2021 despite the pandemic. This kept 23% of those patients from having to go to the Emergency Room, while 50% of them would not have sought care elsewhere if not for the free clinic. Additionally, they had 1,363 "Telehealth Encounters".





Services offered include:

- Adult and pediatric medical care
- Chronic disease management
- Prescription assistance
- Laboratory services
- Wellness education & disease prevention
- Help accessing healthcare resources

- Social services and case management
- Counseling services
- Assistance with clothing, medical supplies, & hygiene products
- Televisits

#### **UCSD Student Run Free Clinic**



Michelle Johnson MD, Director





Natalie Rodriguez, MD Co-Director

This is the 25th Anniversary of the founding of UCSD's Student Run Free Clinic.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the UCSD Student Run Free Clinics transitioned all visits to telehealth initially and 100% of UCSD Free Clinic patients rated their experiences with telemedicine as "GOOD". 34 - 44% of these visits were conducted over video using Zoom.

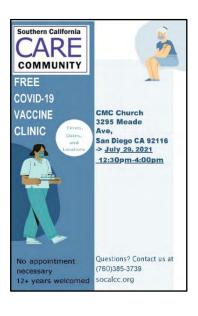
UCSD had **<u>3,400 encounters with patients</u>** in 2021 which is up from 2020. This is remarkable, because at a time when most healthcare systems were struggling to see patients, they were not only able to maintain their volume, but had more visits. UCSD's free clinic now operates on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning at CMC by appointment, primarily through telemedicine. As soon as possible UCSD will return to on-site patient visits.



 32,000 prescriptions
 486 covid vaccinations
 8500 pounds of food every month to our patients

### Other Medical Outreach

- Christ Ministry Center (CMC) hosted four blood drives in 2021 for the San Diego Blood Bank, with an average of 22 units of blood collected at each. Each unit of blood collected has the potential to save three lives.
- CMC also hosted two Lifeline Screening events wherein persons signed up to have medical tests and evaluations performed by Lifeline Screenings.
- CMC took all the refugees they were assisting for COVID vaccinations if they were eligible; provided them all with masks to wear whenever they left the house(s), stocked all the residences with hand sanitizer and showed them how to use it; and kept At-Home COVID tests available if anyone manifested COVID symptoms. To our knowledge, none of the refugees we worked with contracted COVID.





Red Cross Blood Drive at CMC



# **Welcoming Strangers**

#### The Welcome Homes & Apartments

Between June 2016 and November 2016, CMC became a virtual refugee camp in the heart of San Diego. In just five months, CMC provided shelter and basic human needs for **5,000 (primarily Haitian) refugees** in our building. Since then, CMC has continued to welcome **an additional 3,000 strangers**, mostly women and children and pregnant women.



"The original Welcome Home" is located next to Christ Ministry Center; a 3-bedroom, 2-bath 1750 sq. ft. home with detached garage on a corner lot. It is a former parsonage owned by CMC but rented out for the past 25 years.

The Fire Marshall instructed us to close the "shelter" in our CMC building by October 1, 2019, due to numerous unmet fire code requirements. The financially prohibitive modifications (sprinkler system, all new interior and exterior doors, 24-hour fire walk, etc.) required to meet code led us to relocate our church shelter to a residence on our campus, which we now call "The Welcome Home".



Welcome Home Kitchen

The move of the spaces for the refugees from the CMC building to the parsonage property was not an easy or inexpensive one. Although we owned the old 1945 parsonage, it had been rented out for at least the last 20 years and was in much more disrepair than we realized. When we got inside to look at the building after the tenants moved out, we were stunned by the amount of damage and problems we faced and had to fall back and reconsider whether this was even a feasible idea to pursue. Fortunately, with the money from several grants, we decided to step out on faith and establish the "Welcome Home" temporary housing for refugees awaiting their immigration court date. The immediate problems were a junk filled house and yard; a houseful of roaches and rats; a crushed sewer system; mold, lead and asbestos everywhere; 75-year-old plumbing and electrical; broken windows and doors; and homeless drifters had moved in during the 24 hours following the tenants moving out.

The most expensive items were the mold/lead/asbestos remediation; the outside siding; the electrical upgrades and repair; the numerous plumbing issues; all new windows and doors; and installation of a heating system and *air conditioning* (*which the house never had initially*). Amazingly, God (and our financial partners) helped us in so



Welcome Home Side View & Garage

many ways, and we were able (once the mold/lead/asbestos was removed and the vermin problems annihilated) to move the first few refugees into the Welcome Home in late September 2019, and we worked around them on the other repairs and improvements.



Living Room

By the time we were finished in late December 2019, the renovations and furnishing expenses cost over \$100K, but we were glad we made the decision to relocate the refugees there. The house is not finished—it still needs a new roof. But it is a safe, beautiful, bright, and calming space for our refugee clientele to live in until they are moved to more permanent housing.

In 2020 when we began the "Kitchen Table" ministry, we needed a place to operate from. We decided on the Welcome Home's garage, which was not included in the 2019 remodeling. It was in total disrepair, so we replaced the window and doors,

added more electrical power, installed new lighting, and painted the outside. Then we purchased freezers and coolers for the meals. The garage was adjacent to the CMC parking lot which was the perfect place to distribute the meals from (during the pandemic) to cars as they drove through the parking lot.

(NOTE: The Kitchen Table ministry proved to be a blessing to the refugees staying in the Welcome Home. They now have an unlimited supply of delicious, pre-cooked, nutritionally balanced meals just steps away from the kitchen. Our refugees love the meals and find it totally convenient to throw them in the microwave and eat them out of the plastic containers they are packaged in. There is a wide diversity of meals to choose from (which suits the diversity in our refugees); and they love that it takes no preparation, and virtually no clean up. Every person in the family can have a different flavor meal if they like, and every time we have a meal delivery (Mondays and Thursdays), they line up to select the meals they want and move them to the Welcome Home's kitchen freezers.

This has been a blessing to CMC as well. We have been able to substantially reduce the labor of our grocery shopping for the refugees, and especially reduce the cost of food shopping. We cannot begin to compete buying ingredients for their meals to the very low cost of what we pay Kitchens for Good for the finished meals. This is another example where we recognize the hand of God in our work.)

# In 2021, with the help of CMC, Safe Harbors Network provided 27,738 "bed nights", of which 5,840 were through The Welcome Home.

In 2021, we had immigrants from 31 countries, including Equatorial Guinea, Chile, Honduras, Ukraine, Haiti, Ghana, and Venezuela.

**<u>Bed Capacity Expansion</u>**: During 2021, we were blessed with additional "Welcome Homes" and four "Welcome Apartments" where we provide temporary housing to refugee families who are awaiting more permanent housing through our partners at Catholic Charities and Jewish Family Services.



Good Shepherd Home



Nestor Home



Victorville Home



Welcome Apartments (4)

We also expanded our "outreach" to include housing 18- to 21-year-old refugees who are "aging out" of their unaccompanied minor status and need a place to stay with sponsorship, or else face deportation.

# **Community and Other Non-Profit Organizations**

### **Collective Impact Center (CIC)**



Collective Impact Center is a ministry of Christ Ministry Center that fulfills our goals to "(1) provide a base of operations for charitable and community non-profit organizations engaged in public benefit ministries; especially relief of the poor, distressed and underprivileged, and (2) create and maintain a mechanism to harness the resources of existing non-profit charities and churches in the San Diego area which enables them more efficiency and effectiveness in helping the helpless."

Rather than just a "co-work" (when people assemble in a neutral space to work independently or in groups), CIC offers the same amenities you would find in a traditional office, along with a lot more.

CIC is a co-working center, event space, and community for social entrepreneurs, artists & nonprofit professionals working for the benefit of the community. CIC is a vibrant community of members with a desire to positively impact our local community. By providing subsidized rent to members who elect to share their knowledge and skills with the community, we help all our members amplify their individual and collective impact.

Who We Are: We are social entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and artists committed to using our individual and collective skills to improve our local community.

**Our Mission:** We empower impact makers to advance market-based solutions to social and environmental community issues by providing physical space to share resources, skills, and connections. **Our Vision:** We envision an interconnected community of impact makers creating and implementing innovative market-based solutions to large scale societal challenges.



### Safe Harbors Network



Safe Harbors Network (SHN) emerged from Christ Ministry Center's "Welcoming Strangers" Ministry; one of six initiatives found in the New Testament (Matthew 25). The work of caring for thousands of refugees and asylum seekers became such a large part of CMC's time, efforts and resources, Safe Harbors Network was founded in December 2018 as a separate, but closely aligned 501(c)3 non-profit and "partner" for CMC.

Safe Harbors focuses primarily on providing shelter and other assistance for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers (especially women and children). In many ways, Safe Harbors' work mirrors that of CMC with a focus on meeting the needs of migrants: hunger, spiritual thirst, clothing, wellness, detention release, and safe shelter. Safe Harbors' guests draw upon the resources readily available at CMC. Safe Harbors Network recruits, screens and trains a network of congregations, individuals, organizations and homes who partner with Safe Harbors to provide temporary emergency shelter beds for refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers.

Our purpose is to welcome and care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees along the US/Mexico border by providing lodging and other assistance.

Our vision is to expand available bed and care capacity for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers sufficient to meet their immediate needs and longer-term goals.

Our goal is to establish a flexible and sustainable network to meet the present and future lodging and care needs for refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers along the US/Mexico border.

We keep immigrant families together! Visit www.safeharbors.net

- Safe Harbors Network (SHN) provided 27,738 "bed nights" to refugees, of which 5,840 were through "The Welcome Home".
- SHN had immigrants from 31 countries, including Brazil, Chile, China, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Pakistan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen in 2021.
- SHN had 12 babies born to mothers residing in their care in 2021.



Young asylum seeker from Guinea with her infant son.

# **Other Community Support 2021**

CMC was visited by **Francis Parker School** in La Jolla in August 2021, and the students received a tour of the building(s) and helped perform community service work sorting donated clothes and discarding any expired food in the CMC pantries.





Winston Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ) (located in CMC), in conjunction with the Homeless Outreach Program (HOP), "Hugs and Bags", (non-profit doing community service throughout the year for the disenfranchised and marginalized throughout San Diego County); passed out 1,326 toys from CMC; gave over 30 free haircuts and booked three clients for clinical counseling in Dec 2021.

Winston Chapel AME Zion has gone out in the CMC neighborhood several times in 2021, bearing witness of the good things happening at CMC for the neighborhood, and leading the homeless and helpless to CMC for food, clothes, blankets, prayers, and other spiritual support.

**<u>Thanksgiving 2021</u>**: Due to the ongoing pandemic/Omicron variant surge, a "sit down" Thanksgiving meal was not offered on Thanksgiving at CMC. Instead, on 23rd November, CMC, in

conjunction with Exodus UMC, Winston Chapel AME Zion, and the Kitchen Table, provided over 250 dinners to seniors, Veterans, and homeless persons in our community. The day began at the Ministry Center with ministers passing out flyers on the streets to notify the community of the Thanksgiving dinners. Personal Hygiene Kits were also given to anyone coming to the Ministry Center who wanted them. Microwaves were set up in the parking lot to heat dinners for those having no way to warm their meal(s). When the foot traffic let up in the afternoon, remaining meals were packed up and transported to nearby parks (where homeless gather); and given to those who were there. Blankets were also handed out to those who needed them. A donation of 200 military meals (Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)) were brought to the Ministry Center on Thanksgiving Day to supplement the other meals available, and those were distributed in downtown San Diego. Additionally, 23 special baskets (including a turkey and all the trimmings) were given to various under-served families. Two additional baskets were given to each refugee family in the "Welcome Homes" (refugee housing) the week prior to Thanksgiving; and nine baskets were distributed to "food insecure" families in the community on 20 November 2021. These efforts resulted in the Ministry Center staff serving over 450 Thanksgiving Day meals this past year. (This was the first year that a special Thanksgiving Day prayer (acknowledging the difficult times during a pandemic and providing encouragement) was written, printed, and given to each person receiving a dinner/meal/food basket.)



#### Major Partner's 2021 Non-Financial Assistance

- In 2021 "Save the Children" partnered with us and provided pallets of diapers and children's clothing for us to distribute.
- Church World Service (CWS) donated linens, dishes, furniture, baby milk, picnic tables, toiletries, blankets and much more to CMC and The Welcome Homes and Apartments.

#### **2021 Major Grants and Other Funding**

- Catholic Charities
- First UMC SD & UMW
- United Methodist Church of Vista
- ➢ Hope UMC
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mobile Cause
- Church World Service (CWS)

- Network for Good
- St. Marks
  UMC
  United
- Nations Committee on RefugeesUnited Way (EFSP)

(CMC engaged the Luers and Dyer, CPA firm in 2021 to review our finances and file our IRS Form 990. They are specialists in supporting nonprofits and will assist us in filing all State and Federal forms in a timely manner.)

#### **2021 Major Facility Improvements**

#### Main Building:

-Replacement of broken Sanctuary door on left of Chancel

-Installation of a new fire exit door in Sanctuary to the front yard (*required by City Code due to the blocking of previous fire door*)

-Organ (*broken*) removed from Sanctuary -Re-work of the handicapped ramp from the Social Hall and railings installed (*required by City Code*)

-Redesign of the handicapped parking spaces to allow for disembarking passengers from handicapped vans (*required by City Code*) -WIFI upgrade throughout the building -Replacement of several sump pumps (*to control rainwater on the property*) -Broken and leaking (*from defunct hot water floor heating system*) Sanctuary floor replaced; and 70-year-old broken pews removed and replaced with individual chairs -New hot water heater for CMC installed -Many exterior doors were refurbished -Extensive roof repairs -Evangel Room new carpeting and drapes -New chairs and tables in the Social Hall -Sky light replaced on second floor -Outdoor parcel delivery locker installed -Outdoor security lights installed -A "Tiny library" was donated to CMC and installed on CMC property on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

#### Parsonage (3285 Meade St):

-Broken windows repaired or replaced	-A/C system installed
-Heating system replaced	-Security fence installed
-Upgraded/increased electrical capability	-Security lights installed



Picnic tables from CWS

for the Welcome Home

#### The Welcome Home (3283 Meade St):

-Kitchen floor replaced

- -Main bathroom floor replaced
- -Garage painted

-Concrete wall separating the church and parsonages painted -New picnic tables

### Improvements to Property



70-year-old pews removed. Lots of history there!



New Sanctuary Floor and Seating



Step 1: Shrubbery removed Before Fire Code Door was added.



Step 2: Re-Install Stain Glass



Step 3: New Door, Resized Stain Glass



**Roof Repairs** 



Mending Fences



Little Library



New Welcome Home Kitchen Floor



New Welcome Home Bathroom Floor



Handicapped Parking to Meet City Codes



Wheelchair Accessible Ramp



Old heaters removed from parsonage



Attic cleaned and new insulation installed in parsonage.



New Heat and Air System installed in Parsonage

#### **CMC Future Plans 2022**

- Plan for the succession of Dr. Owens to Dr. Jenkins' position by July 1, 2023.
- Keep apprised of the current political situation and ramifications it has for CMC/SHN.
- Seek new donors and grants to be able to expand CMC's reach.
- Provide 50,000 or more "bed nights" in 2022.
- Seek new avenues to help the helpless.

#### **Summary**

Despite the success we have had at CMC and SHN in 2021 (such as expansion in the Medical Services and counseling provided, more beds and spaces for refugees put in use, more food and clothes being distributed, etc.), the other side of that coin indicates the fact that the need for assistance is expanding as well. And not just locally.

CMC can only set an example of how to be a beacon of hope and love in a troubled world; and remind those in need that God *does* care and there *is* help. We hope that others join the effort to assist those needing it. CMC's prayer for our country is that "the homeless are housed, the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the sick are healed, the poor are blessed, and all are recognized equally as children of God".

Amen.

SPECIAL EVENTS: CMC is available to the public for certain "special events". In 2021 we had several special events, primarily Memorials for loved ones who passed away. If you want to use the Sanctuary or Chapel for your event, please call the Office Manager at (619) 284-9205.

### Attachments

#### CMC 2021-22 Board Members

- Dr. Kay Gilbert, Ph.D. (Chair) Retired Nurse and University Professor, Member First UMC, San Diego
- Rev. Dr. Donald Owens, D. Min. Pastor, Exodus United Methodist Church, San Diego CA

Rev. Dr. John Lurvey, Ph.D. Pastor Wesley United Methodist Church, San Diego CA

- Rev. Michael Moses Pastor Winston Chapel AME Zion Church, San Diego Counselor, The Rescue Mission
- Dr. Mary Baker, MSN, RN, CNS, FNP-BC, PHNA-BC Director of the Southern California Care Community Free Clinics

Mr. Lee Barken, CPA CEO, CollectiveSun

Ms. Becki Innocent Member, Haitian Methodist Church, San Diego

Hon. Dr. Denise Serino, J.D. Attorney, Father Joe's Villages

Rev. Kim Ports Pastor, Linda Vista United Methodist Church, San Diego CA









Pounds of food distributed by GNC





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Babies born to immigrant mothers in 2021



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Free Clinics



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> 1,781 Patient encounters by MCCC Free Clinic





300 Weekly worshippers in 8 congregations



27,738

"Bed nights" provided to immigrants and asylum seekers





