



July 23, 2009

Dear ABC-MI Colleague:

One of the tangible results of the ABC-MI's Future Search Conference is the enclosed survey seeking information on community outreach efforts. The Congregational Ministries and Missions Team was assigned the task of sending the survey to ABC-MI churches and then compiling and communicating the results. The ultimate goal is to create a useful resource list of outreach activities along with church contact information.

This community services document will make it possible for churches considering a new outreach program to contact other churches doing something similar to learn what works, what doesn't work, and what possible funding sources can be tapped. The document will be made available on the website and periodically updated. The first draft will be available at the Annual Equipping Event October 16 and 17, 2009.

Please complete the enclosed survey as soon as possible and return it by August 31. A copy of the survey will be posted on the ABC-MI website (www.abc-mi.org). You may wish to download it from there, complete it, save it on your computer, and email it back to me at pastorjon@covenantbaptistchurch.org. If you prefer, send a hard copy to me at Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI, 48322 or fax it to me at 248.855.9194.

We have much to celebrate among our Michigan churches. Again, we appreciate your help as we gather data needed to create a directory of church outreach activities in our Region.

Yours Through Christ,

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American Baptist Churches of Michigan Outreach Ministries Survey

This survey is an outgrowth of the ABC-MI's Future Search conference. Volunteers interested in encouraging all ABC-MI churches to be engaged in some form of outreach ministries developed this survey and request your cooperation in completing and returning it **no later than August 31, 2009**. You may either complete the survey via email or print a copy and mail it back.

We will create a database listing all the ABC-MI churches offering ministry directed to those outside of their congregations, and the information will help those planning the fall ABC-MI Annual Meeting, as well as make it possible to network churches doing a ministry with those interested in starting a similar ministry. Why reinvent the wheel!

1. Does your church allow "outside" groups to hold meetings/activities in your building?
 Yes No

Comment:

If yes, which of the following groups do you host? (check all that apply)

- Alcoholics Anonymous
 Narcotics Anonymous
 Gamblers Anonymous
 Boy Scout Troop
 Girl Scout Troop
 Theatre Ensemble
 Weight Watchers or similar program
 Divorce Recovery
 American Red Cross (or other) blood drives
 Yoga, Jazzercise or other similar classes
Other _____
Other _____

Comment:

2. Does your church run its own food pantry in your facility?
 Yes No

Comment:

3. Does your church cooperate with other churches in running a food pantry in your community?
 Yes No

Comment:

4. Does your church offer a clothes closet (free used clothing)?
 Yes No

If yes, does it target (check all that apply):

- Adult Women
- Adult Men
- Children
- Babies
- Expectant Mothers

Comment:

5. Does your church on its own provide meals (e.g., soup kitchen) to homeless, poor or indigent people in your facility?
 Yes No

If yes, how often does it provide meals to the homeless/poor/indigent?

- Daily
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Several times a month
- Once a month
- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Twice a year
- Once a year
- Other _____

Comment:

6. Does your church in cooperation with other churches provide meals (soup kitchen) to homeless, poor or indigent people in your community?
 Yes No

Comment:

7. Does your church on its own provide on-site overnight shelter to the homeless?
 Yes No

If yes, do you shelter on an ongoing basis or for short periods of time?

- Ongoing
- Short periods of time

Comment:

8. Does your church provide on-site overnight shelter to the homeless in cooperation with other churches in your community?
 Yes No

Comment:

9. Does your church offer an on-site daytime drop-in center for homeless/mentally ill/indigent people?
 Yes No

Comment:

10. Does your church offer Domestic Violence services to victims?
 Yes No

Comment:

11. Does your church offer Legal Aid services to the community?
 Yes No

Comment:

12. Does your church offer a psychological counseling service to the community?
 Yes No

If yes, does it include (check all that apply)

- Marital counseling
 Family counseling
 Individual counseling
 Group counseling

Comment:

13. Does your church offer a youth drop in center on your premises (targeted to youth outside of your church's youth group)?
 Yes No

Comment:

14. Does your church offer an after school program for children?
 Yes No

If yes, it is primarily (check all that apply)

- Recreational/Sports
 Homework/tutoring/mentoring
 English as a Second Language
 Arts related
 Other _____

Comment:

15. Does your church offer an on-site day care or pre-kindergarten program?
 Yes No

Comment:

16. Does your church offer an on-site senior drop in or day care center?
 Yes No

Comment:

17. Does your church offer parenting classes to the community?
 Yes No

Comment:

18. Does your church offer financial literacy, bankruptcy or similar financial counseling services to the community?
 Yes No

Comment:

19. Does a non-church social service agency/entity use your church building to offer services?
 Yes No

Comment:

20. Does your church offer programs for refugees and/or immigrants?
 Yes No

Comment:

If yes, are they primarily
 English as a Second Language
 Housing/resettlement services
 Immigration and Naturalization system navigation
 Other _____

Comment:

21. Is your church engaged in a program targeting juvenile delinquents?
 Yes No

Comment:

22. Does your church offer a prisoner re-entry support program?
 Yes No

Comment:

23. Does your church offer an on-site support program targeting families of prisoners?
 Yes No

Comment:

24. Does your church offer support an on-site support program targeting grandparents raising children?
 Yes No

Comment:

25. Does your church offer an on-site grief support program?
 Yes No

Comment:

26. Does your church offer on-site programs targeting unwed pregnant girls or women?
 Yes No

Comment:

27. Does your church offer an on-site medical or dental clinic for the poor?
 Yes No

Comment:

28. Does your church offer a crisis hotline program?
 Yes No

Comment:

29. Does your church offer an HIV/AIDS support program?
 Yes No

Comment:

30. Does your church offer a sheltered workshop or other program for the mentally challenged?
 Yes No

Comment:

31. Does your church offer an on-site program supporting job seekers (for example, a job club, unemployment peer support group....)
 Yes No

Comment:

32. Does your church offer programs targeting gay, lesbian, transgender people and/or their relatives?

Yes No

Comment:

33. Does your church run a computer lab for people to learn computer skills?

Yes No

34. Does your church offer an outreach program to senior citizens in the community, nursing homes, assisted living homes, etc?

Yes No

35. Does your church "adopt" families either for the holidays or year-round?

Yes No

Please briefly describe any other social ministry program your church offers that was not already included in the previous section of this survey:

To the best of your knowledge, what organizations do you and/or your parishioners serve as a board of directors member or other leadership role?

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return it to Rev. Jon Good at Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 **no later than August 31, 2009.**