

San Francisco Night Ministry

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2017 Annual Report

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From the Night Minister

To be in a strange room at night when all the lights go out can be a frightening experience. Even in familiar surroundings it can be disorienting to suddenly find oneself in complete darkness. More than once I have tripped over a chair or knocked something off a table stumbling in the dark to find a flashlight or candle. Darkness has the power to confuse us, to knock us off balance, to cause panic, to make us reach out. Conversely, it is always amazing to me how little light it really takes to illumine the darkness, especially after our eyes get adjusted. A simple campfire, a few shining stars or a full moon can brighten even the darkest sky. A single candle can give light to an entire room or building for religious worship.

The Christian biblical images of darkness and light speak so beautifully. For me, *“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it”*, has become a powerfully eternal, yet simple statement of faith. I find great comfort in hearing of God’s light breaking into the darkness of our human life and illuminating it with hope, assurance and promise. The disorienting chaos of human suffering, brokenness and despair is challenged and changed by the presence of the Divine with us.

Early in Night Ministry’s history, the phrase, **“Lighten the darkness....rekindle the hope”** became a meaningful way to describe the ministry we offer to those who are anxious, afraid, lonely, depressed or in danger in the middle of the night. The phrase helps us to remember our primary goal – to share the good news of God’s love to all, and to witness the transforming power of the divine light into our everyday lives – power over all despair, doubt, fear, or sorrow.

This report will give you statistics and other information so you might have a picture of the people we serve, their needs and concerns; the financials and governance details; as well as information about our volunteers, staff and the programs that we offer. Enjoy wandering through this annual report, and please contact me (office@sfnightministry.org) if you have any questions or comments for consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this important and unique ministry, and for your partnership, support and encouragement as we continue our work.

Lyle J Beckman
Night Minister

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What Does Night Ministry Provide?

Night Ministry provides crisis intervention, counseling, referral services and pastoral care to anyone in any kind of distress, anxiety or difficulty from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am every night of the year. This happens through our **Crisis Telephone Line** (serving the entire Bay Area and beyond) and with **Night Ministers** who literally walk the streets of San Francisco. In addition, we sponsor two weekly outdoor worship services (**Open Cathedral – Civic Center** and **Open Cathedral – Mission**) each followed by a meal and a time for private conversation. Our **Community Gathering** for Bible study and rerelationship building is held every Tuesday evening. A **Wellness Program** invites Registered Nurses and other health care professionals to walk the streets with Night Ministers to offer basic first aid, screenings, information, education and referrals, and a **Street Counselor Program** invites volunteer individuals to assist Night Ministers on their night walks.

In addition, Night Ministry is a co-sponsor of the **The Vigil**, an annual interfaith memorial for San Francisco's homeless dead each December. We have developed a **Van Ministry** to support our programs, and offer a **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program** for the training of seminarians and ordained clergy.

Night Ministry is also involved in a number of collaborations and partnerships, including:

- **SF CARES** (with San Francisco Lutheran Congregations and Welcome) is a ministry of education, volunteering and advocacy for the elderly and poor.
- **Sacred Space – San Francisco** (with St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Metropolitan Community Church – San Francisco) offers outreach, programs and spiritual care for the LGBTQIA+ communities of San Francisco.
- San Francisco Interfaith Council (we assist with San Francisco's **Winter Shelter**).
- **"The Church's Night Shift"** on behalf of all congregations and religious organizations in the Bay Area and beyond.
- **Internships and Field Work** placements for students of area schools of theology, social work, public health and others.
- Nighttime hospital presence with **Sojourn Chaplaincy** at San Francisco General Hospital.
- **Cooperation** with San Francisco Suicide Prevention, WOMAN Inc. and other agencies.

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Night Ministry Governing Board **(Officers elected at our annual meeting on February 12, 2018)**

President	John Cumming
Vice President	The Rev. Rebekah (Bekah) Davis
Secretary	Lorna Hill
Treasurer	Rodney Suzuki
Members	Chris Colandro The Rev. Patricia (Trish) Cunningham Larry Dannenberg The Rev. Paul Michaelson Mary Van Zomeren Michael Wolfe

Night Ministry Advisory Board

PJ Handeland
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Jody Jahn
The Rev. Mark Holmerud
The Rev. Michael Pappas
Roy Mosley
Brother Jude Hill, s.s.f
Garry McLain (Empress Marlena)

Contact Us Anytime:

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Night Ministry Staff

Night Minister	The Rev. Lyle J. Beckman Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Associate Night Minister	The Rev. Monique Ortiz United Church of Christ
Coordinator of Counselors	The Rev. Dr. Laura Rolan Interfaith Minister
CPE Supervisor	The Rev. Rod Seeger Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
CPE Supervisor	The Rev. Silvia Tiznado Disciples of Christ
Minister for Sacred Space-SF	The Rev. Daniel Borysewicz Metropolitan Community Church
Assistant Night Ministers	The Rev. Daniel Borysewicz Metropolitan Community Church
	Chaplain Adam Briones Interfaith Minister / Rabbinical Student
	The Rev. Donald A. Fox The Episcopal Church
	The Rev. Bernhard Fricke Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
	The Rev. Thom Longino United Church of Christ
	The Rev. Valerie McEntee United Church of Christ
	The Rev. Thomas Muller Swedenborgian Church
	The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
	The Rev. Megan Rohrer Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
	The Ven. David Stickley The Episcopal Church

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Night Ministry Staff, continued

Deacons to Night Ministry	The Rev. Victoria Gray The Episcopal Church The Rev. Nancy Pennekamp The Episcopal Church
Assistant to OC-Mission	John Brett Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Office Manager	Brother Karekin Yarian, b.s.g. The Episcopal Church
Night Ministry Associate	Bruce Pettit United Methodist Church
Development Team	Tamra Tucker The Episcopal Church
Night Ministers Emeritus	The Rev. Charles H. Lewis Evangelical Lutheran Church in America The Rev. Donald A. Fox The Episcopal Church

Currently 55 volunteer Crisis Line Counselors and many others, including Open Cathedral Ushers and Daytime Volunteer Corps workers, support our mission and ministry.



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Financial Information for 2017

Income	Budget	Actual
Congregations	38,124	27,993
Individuals (undesignated)	58,752	32,029
Fundraising Events	156,544	84,939
Grants and Bequests	99,824	95,294
Designated Income (programs)	17,350	12,288
Income from Investments	28,000	99,333
Total Income	398,594	351,902
Expenses	Budget	Actual
Night Ministers	158,386	165,122
Office Staff	39,099	41,354
Crisis Line Expenses	12,594	13,500
Open Cathedral Expenses	53,618	51,719
Sacred Space Expenses	7,000	8,371
CPE Program Expenses	14,500	15,716
Other Program Expenses	4,700	2,403
Administration/Management	32,175	35,697
Publicity/Fundraising	69,992	30,170
Total Expenses	392,064	351,902

Total assets as of December 31, 2016 totaled \$581,204.22

Financially speaking 2017 was a challenging year; however, we continue to move closer to having a balanced budget and income to match. Our 2017 income was supplemented by transfers from investments. The budget for 2018 continues to reduce expenses while challenging us to increase income through donations and fundraising events.

Thank you for your continued financial support for Night Ministry which enables us to be available for the thousands of people who seek the support and care we offer each night.

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Statistics for 2017

Conversations by Category	Crisis Line	Programs	Night Ministers	Total
Female	3,326	4,020	2,979	10,325
Male	1,347	8,893	6,628	16,868
Transgender	414	591	559	1,564
Total	5,087	13,504	10,166	28,757
Religious/Spiritual	1,123	12,777	5,626	19,526
Moral/Ethical	1,280	10,467	4,079	15,828
Lonely/Depressed	3,733	3,110	2,648	8,484
Anxious/Afraid	1,350	2,043	1,641	5,034
Psychiatric	768	833	1,125	2,726
Anger	1,270	1,346	1,198	3,814
Grief	711	632	1,001	2,344
Suicidal	189	158	327	674
Relationship/Family	2,903	9,827	4,206	16,936
Abuse/Violence	973	1,662	1,772	4,407
Addiction/Substance	398	2,361	2,545	5,304
Sexuality/Gender	144	1,563	1,360	3,067
Health/Medical	892	5,415	1,621	7,928
Legal	177	908	826	1,911
Job/Vocation	716	3,598	2,159	6,473
Financial	562	6,088	1,589	8,239
Housing	399	4,403	1,899	6,701
Money Request	19	520	873	1,412
Food Request	12	11,572	715	12,299
General Information	126	3,327	3,899	7,352

Shaded area = significant increase over 2016

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Congregations, Religious Organizations and Religious Agencies That Supported Night Ministry Financially in 2017

All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato
American Lutheran Church, Woodland
Bethany United Methodist Church, San Francisco
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa
Chinese Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), San Francisco
Christ Church Lutheran, San Francisco
Christ Lutheran Church, El Cerrito
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, San Jose
Christ United Presbyterian Church, San Francisco
Coastside Lutheran Church, Half Moon Bay
Congregational Church of Belmont (United Church of Christ), Belmont
Congregational Church of San Mateo (United Church of Christ), San Mateo
Ebenezer Lutheran Church / herchurch, San Francisco
Elim Lutheran Church, Petaluma
Epiphany Lutheran Church, San Leandro
The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco
Episcopal Community Services, San Francisco
The Episcopal Deanery of San Francisco
The Episcopal Diocese of California, San Francisco
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Faithful Fools, Inc., San Francisco
First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco
First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), San Francisco
First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), San Rafael
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls Minnesota
Freedom In Christ Evangelical Church, San Francisco
Grace Cathedral (Episcopal), San Francisco
Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, Washington
Grace Lutheran Church - Ulloa Street, San Francisco
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, San Carlos
Hope Lutheran Church, El Sobrante
Hope Lutheran Church, San Mateo
Lakeside Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

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Loomis Basin Congregational Church, Loomis, CA
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Burlingame
Lutheran Church of Our Savior, San Francisco
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Marin Lutheran Church, Corte Madera
Mercy Retirement & Care Center, Alameda
Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco
Northern California-Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ
Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Saratoga
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oakland
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, San Francisco
St. Francis Lutheran Church (Endowment Fund), San Francisco
St. James Lutheran Church, San Leandro
St. John Lutheran Church, Sunnyvale
St. John's United Church of Christ, San Francisco
St. John's United Church of Christ, San Bruno
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fairfield
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hill
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oakland
St. Paulus Lutheran Church, San Francisco
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Tiburon
The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, San Francisco
Soko Bukai of the Domei Northern California Christian Church Federation
Sycamore Congregational Church (Nichiyobu Fujinkai), El Cerrito
Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oakland
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
Unity Lutheran Church, South San Francisco
University Lutheran Chapel, Berkeley
University Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
The Welcome Ministry, San Francisco
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon
Zion Lutheran Church & School, San Francisco

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Grants, Foundations and Family Charitable Funds

The Christensen Fund, San Francisco
The Charles D and Frances K Field Fund, San Francisco
Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley
craigslit Charitable Fund, San Francisco
Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Decatur, Georgia
The Hamel Charitable Lead Trust, Naples, Florida
HandUp, San Francisco
The Lumpkin Family Foundation, Mattoon, IL
St. Francis Lutheran Church Endowment, San Francisco
San Francisco Foundation, San Francisco
Stems Macarthur Foundation, Inc., San Francisco
Inner Sunset Community Advocates, Inc., San Francisco

Businesses, Organizations and Other Agencies That Supported Night Ministry Financially in 2016

Aunt Charlie's Five Star Lounge, San Francisco
Brayton & Purcell Attorneys at Law, Novato
The Cinch Saloon, San Francisco
Cole Hardware, San Francisco
Community Thrift Store, San Francisco
Cornerstone Capital, Inc. Palo Alto
Council of Grand Dukes and Grand Duchesses, San Francisco
CRI, San Francisco
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., San Francisco Peninsula Alumnae Chapter
Encore Karaoke Lounge, San Francisco
Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., San Francisco
International Court Council, Lexington, Kentucky
K-One Fitness Gym, San Francisco
San Francisco Police Officers Association, Community Service Committee
The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, San Francisco

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Somar Bar, Oakland
Tenderloin Tessie's Holiday Dinners, San Francisco
Thrivent Financial Foundation, Princeton, NJ
Thrivent Financial, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Twin Peaks Tavern, San Francisco
Wild Side West Saloon, San Francisco
World Centric Corporation, Petaluma

Donor Directed Gift Programs

Amazon Smile
American Online Giving Foundation, Safety Harbor, Florida
Benevity, Inc., Calgary, Alberta
BNY Mellon, Jersey City, NJ
E*Trade Financial, Jersey City, NJ
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Cincinnati, Ohio
InFaith Community Foundation, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Network for Good, Washington, District of Columbia
Omaha Community Foundation, Omaha, Nebraska
Schwab Charitable Fund, San Francisco
Thrivent Choice
United Way of the Bay Area, San Francisco
YourCause, LLC, (for PG&E) Carrollton, Texas

Businesses and Organizations Supporting our Fall Gala:

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley
City of San Francisco
Cline Family Cellars, Sonoma
Cole Hardware, San Francisco
Garden Court Hotel, Palo Alto
Hilton Hotel (Union Square), San Francisco
New Century Chamber Orchestra
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
San Francisco Opera
Villa d' Este, San Francisco
West of Pecos, San Francisco

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Congregations and Businesses Supporting Open Cathedrals, Tuesday Night Gathering and Sacred Space – San Francisco with Meals & Gifts:

Bethany United Methodist Church, San Francisco
Bob's Donuts, San Francisco
CAL Aggie Christian Association @ UC Davis, Davis
Chinese Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), San Francisco
Christ the Lord Episcopal Church, Pinole
Christ United Presbyterian Church, San Francisco
Grace Cathedral (Bayview Mission), San Francisco
Congregational Church of Belmont (United Church of Christ), Belmont
Congregational Church of San Mateo (United Church of Christ), San Mateo
Ebenezer Lutheran Church / herchurch, San Francisco
The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco
Faithful Fools, San Francisco
Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria y Santa Marta, San Francisco
First Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Food Recovery Network, San Francisco
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, San Francisco
Hot Cookie - Castro Street, San Francisco
Lutheran Church of Our Savior, San Francisco
Open Heart, San Francisco
St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco
St. John's United Church of Christ, San Francisco
St. Paulus Lutheran Church, San Francisco
Trinity/St. Peter's Episcopal Church, San Francisco
University of San Francisco
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon
Zion Lutheran Church and School, San Francisco

Companies that Matched Employee Donations:

Charles Schwab, San Francisco
Costco Wholesale Executive Match, Princeton, New Jersey
Thrivent Financial

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United Airlines VIG Program

Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

Congregations/Businesses that collected or donated socks, scarves, hats, blankets, toiletries and other items to be distributed at night:

All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato

Aunt Charlie's Five Star Lounge, San Francisco

Belmont Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Belmont

Bethany United Methodist Church, San Francisco

The Castro Country Club, San Francisco

Chinese Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), San Francisco

Christ United Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

Coastside Lutheran Church, Half Moon Bay

Community Church of Sebastopol

Daddy's Barbershop, San Francisco

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco

Faith Lutheran Church, Castro Valley

Grace Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, San Carlos

Lutheran Church of Our Savior, San Francisco

Marin Lutheran Church, Corte Madera

Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco

St. John's United Church of Christ, San Bruno

St. John's United Church of Christ, San Francisco

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hill

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vallejo

Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Sacramento

Unity Lutheran Church, South San Francisco

Wells Fargo Bank, Castro Street, San Francisco

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Pacific Synod, Sacramento

Zion Lutheran Church and School, San Francisco

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