

What Does Night Ministry Provide?

Night Ministry provides crisis intervention, counseling, referrals 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 is accomplished primarily 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

Every Sunday at 2:00 pm

McAllister @ Leavenworth by U.N. Plaza

Open Cathedral – Mission

Every Thursday at 5:30 pm

16th & Mission BART station

Each Open Cathedral is followed by a simple meal and time for private conversation, much like we offer each night.

Our **Community Gathering** for Bible study and community building is held every Tuesday evening.

A **Wellness Program** invites Registered Nurses and other health professionals to walk the streets with Night Ministers and offer basic first aid, screenings, information, education and referrals.

In addition, Night Ministry co-sponsors the **Annual Interfaith Memorial for San Francisco's Homeless Dead** each December.

We have developed a **Van Ministry** to support our Open Cathedrals and other programs.

We 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, advocacy and service for the elderly and the poor.
- **Sacred Space – San Francisco** (with St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Metropolitan Community Church – San Francisco) for outreach and programs in the LGBTQIA communities of San Francisco.
- San Francisco Interfaith Council assisting 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 in area schools of theology, nursing, journalism, and social work.

History

The San Francisco Night Ministry began as a pilot project under the Department of Pastoral Services of the San Francisco Council of Churches in 1962, *“seeking to find new expressions of service, concern and witness to the needs of persons during the night hours”*. It was fully organized in 1964 and became an independent not-for-profit organization with its own Governing Board, charter, constitution and mission statement in 1990.

Night Ministers

The Rev. Donald E Stuart – September, 1964 to July, 1976
The Rev. Charles H Lewis – August, 1976 to January, 1996
The Rev. Donald Fox – November, 1995 to December, 2006
The Rev. Lyle J Beckman – August, 2006 to present

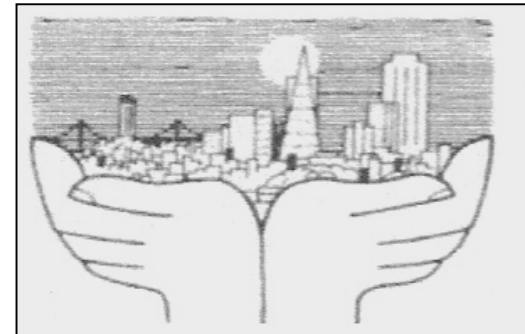
Associate Night Ministers

The Rev. Dr. Richard Park – August, 2007 to April, 2008
The Rev. Thom Longino – November, 2008 to March, 2016
The Rev. Monique Ortiz – November, 2011 to present

Thank you for your interest in Night Ministry. Please contact us for more information about Night Ministry or to volunteer or support in other ways.

The Rev. Lyle J Beckman, Night Minister
The Rev. Monique Ortiz, Associate Night Minister
The Rev. Dr. Laura Rolen, Crisis Line Coordinator
The Rev. Rodney Seeger, CPE Supervisor
The Rev. Daniel Borysewicz, Minister of Sacred Space

Purpose of the San Francisco Night Ministry



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