

National Fellowship of Housing Ministries

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NFHM Mission, Vision and Values Statements: 030930

Mission Statement:

The National Fellowship of Housing Ministries' mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God by serving faith-based, not-for-profit groups who are committed to providing quality, community-based, affordable housing to persons in need.

Matt 9:35-38

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to establish and support well-equipped, Christ-centered affordable housing ministries around the country by: 1) Nurturing Biblical fellowship and support among faith-based groups who minister to their communities through affordable housing. 2) Equipping and increasing faith-based groups' technical capacity in the area of affordable housing to serve God and their communities. 3) Encouraging and advocating for the critical role of faith groups in housing justice issues to all segments of society.

Col 1:9-12
Phil 2:1-2
Exod 35:30-35

Ps 99:3

2003 Strategic Plan:

This year NFHM will focus its efforts on prayerfully building organizational foundation and infrastructure, encouraging faith-based, not-for-profit groups to join the fellowship network, and exploring ways in which we can serve these housing ministries.

Values Statements:

Whom do we serve?

NFHM serves the poor in need of quality, community-based, affordable housing...

NFHM serves faith-based groups working in affordable housing ministry...

NFHM serves the Church through its local congregations and affordable housing ministry...

What do we do to serve?

NFHM serves by nurturing biblical fellowship and support among faith-based affordable housing ministries...

NFHM serves by equipping and increasing the technical capacity of faith-based groups in the area of affordable housing ministry...

NFHM serves by advocating for the role of faith-based groups in housing justice issues...

Why do we serve?

NFHM serves to glorify God by serving Him and working towards His Kingdom purposes through affordable housing ministry...

NFHM serves to meet the need for a national faith-based forum which focuses specifically on affordable housing ministry...

NFHM serves to encourage local church congregations to develop biblical, reconciling Kingdom communities through affordable housing ministry...

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We serve the poor, which we define as those who are: 1) in material need, 2) unjustly oppressed or have no social power, and/or 3) unable to provide for themselves beyond or including the basic necessities of life. Housing is a critical material need which plays an important role in the social stability of day-to-day life. Because such a large percentage of a family's fixed expenses is spent on housing, it is also strongly connected to the ability to provide for oneself. NFHM will use publicly-accepted local guidelines to assess the housing/material need of individuals.

Deut 15:4
Isa 61:1

We serve by identifying with and learning from those to whom the Kingdom of God is given. True Kingdom communities must make the poor a special concern in evangelism, justice ministries and way of life and value all persons as image-of-God bearing, unique and gifted individuals. God's people are called to be for the poor through being of the poor.

1 Sam 2:8
Ps 140:12
Prov 14:31
Luke 6:20

We serve those who suffer from poverty due to the world's sin. Injustice and oppression are the most fundamental causes of poverty. In the matter of housing affordability, the poor are often the victims of other people's sins and injustices. Affordable housing ministries provide opportunities for practical venues for repentance and reversal of these injustices.

Job 34:28

We serve those whom God shows concern for as evidenced in the Hebrew Scriptures. God's law specially requires us to provide for those who need care and compassion: the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. Covenant Laws required gleaning of the fields only once, leaving provisions for the poor and required that one-third of the tithe go to the poor. There were also release and Sabbath laws which provided for wealth redistribution through debt cancellation and production sabbatical every 7 years and property return every 50 years. The taking of pledge, interest or profits from the poor was not allowed and general generosity was codified. As the prophets portray in the Hebrew Scripture, God judged and punished Israel when they did not follow these guidelines.

Lev 23:22
Lev 25:35
Deut 24:12
Isa 3:14

We serve those whom were a focus and emphasis of Jesus' ministry and teaching. Jesus called us to serve the "poor in spirit" and the material poor. He met people's felt needs and spiritual needs.

Matt 3:5
Matt 25:31-46
Luke 12:33

We serve those whom the early church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, identified and shared with. The first church shared with one another and gave to those in need and acted responsibly for the care of the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. There were no needy persons among them.

Acts 4:34-35

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We serve groups committed to following God's heart for reconciliation and restoration of their communities through housing ministries. There are hundreds of faith-based groups across the country who minister in their local area by providing affordable housing for the needy. A Service is considered a 'housing' ministry if it has a primary mission to meet the needs of persons and families in poverty through the provision of residential housing. Housing Ministries can take many forms: rehabilitation and redistribution of affordable housing, affordable housing policy advocacy, housing development and ownership, home ownership counseling, elderly housing, housing for the disabled, hospices, transitional housing, incarnational and intentional living communities, and others.

Isa 58:6-8

Isa 32: 18-20

We serve groups whose affordable housing work for the poor is grounded in their faith in God. NFHM defines a group as 'faith-based' if it is, or is sponsored, co-controlled, or started and substantially supported by, a group whose primary motivation (as dictated by its structure, tradition, use of resources and mission) is connected to their belief in God or Higher Power. Although NFHM is a Christian organization, it recognizes and supports the valuable and Biblically-mandated service to the poor by non-Christian faith-based groups including Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Mormon, Hindu and other faith traditions. The combination of Faith-based groups' motivation, resources and local focus makes for great potential for housing ministry work.

Pro 14:31

Mark 12:38-24

We serve groups who are called to serve in future housing ministries. We serve congregations and other faith-based groups who are seeking ways to serve their neighbors through housing ministries but do not yet have the experience or technical capacity for this work. We come alongside these groups to assist them to follow God's calling for them in this area.

Eph 4:11-16

We serve the faith-based affordable housing sector as a whole. We seek to unite and coordinate efforts of faith-based housing ministries to develop, advance and promote opportunities for further work in housing ministries. We are committed to working with local efforts through a broader coordinate efforts.

1 Cor 12:20

We serve faith-based affordable housing ministries specifically but also recognize and value the needed work of other types of housing groups serving the poor. We value the work of other groups in this industry including Local CDCs, other non-profit or for-profit developers, and other faith-based housing ministries. NFHM does not seek to directly compete with or put itself above others doing similar housing work, but will strive to maintain God glorifying relationships at all times. When it is advantageous to the advancement of NFHM's mission, we seek to work with these other housing groups.

Mark 9:38-40

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We serve the Church as a whole through enlarging the impact of local congregations. Each local church is a significant member of God's Kingdom community. We support local congregations who are called to love their neighbors through housing ministries. We recognize that each congregation has its own unique leadership, guidance and purpose. We are committed to serving as a para-church (church supporting, not being the church) organization, a helpful resource for local congregations. We submit to the locally recognized leadership of congregations and commit to serve and empower them and their congregations in all we do.

1 Cor 12:12

We serve church communities who have a heart for outreach into their local neighborhoods. The Kingdom is beyond the four walls of the church building, into our streets, neighborhoods and cities. Effective community ministry and service can only occur if local churches are centrally involved. They must equip and encourage their members to carry out ministry and undertake action, keeping in mind their particular setting and membership composition. We are committed to using the variety of forms of housing ministries to help local congregations outreach into their communities.

Matt 22:9

Acts 3:6-8

Luke 4:43

We serve church communities who desire to foster Koinonia (biblical, need-meeting relationships) as they live in their local communities. We serve those committed to living with and identifying with the poor in their neighborhoods as they build deep, need-meeting relationships with one another and those in the community. We believe that intentionally mixed-income housing ministries can provide an opportunity for these types of interdependent and cross-cultural communities to grow.

Phil 2:1-2

Acts 2: 44-45

We serve with respect to cultural appropriateness and local efforts. We believe that groups working locally have the best sense of what is needed and appropriate. We affirm what God is doing in a particular location and will not insensitively transfer models of ministry that have proven effective elsewhere.

Rom 12:3-6

We serve churches that currently are not sensitive to the Church's role and responsibility in promoting and advancing justice. Many local congregations are blind to the relationship between the existence of poverty and their own economic or political actions. Often fear, ignorance and allegiance to the status quo of their subculture has dulled the church's call to social justice and proclaiming God's concern for the oppressed. NFHM is committed to calling them back to collective responsibility and obedience to God through rejecting secular ways and the embracing Kingdom value of justice for the poor.

Jam 2:1-6

Eph 4:25-32

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We serve by encouraging fellowship and support among groups serving in housing ministries across the country. We desire to see unity and need-meeting relationships formed among housing ministry groups through the Fellowship Network. Although coming from many different geographic locations, denominations and demographic contexts, NFHM is committed to bringing together these housing ministries through their shared ministry vision and heart.

1 Cor 12:14-27

We serve by providing avenues for learning, encouragement and celebration among the ministries as we serve together. The benefits from networking with others can help one serve more effectively and with a renewed sense of the overall picture of how God is working throughout cities in this nation through housing ministries.

Col 3:14-16

We serve by praying for the ministries around the country and encouraging prayer among groups. Prayer is an indispensable part of our faith and ministry in order for our motivations and actions to be aligned with God's will. The Fellowship Network encourages prayer for the poor, for government leaders, for those who live and work in local neighborhoods, for the homeless and for continued unity and cooperation among housing ministries as a means of effective action.

Ps 65:2

Matt 6:5-15

We serve by analyzing the need for and implementing cooperative structures among housing groups to assist their ministries. Training, dialogue and sharing groups, joint ministry models, finance and investment vehicles and other larger scale structures have the potential to make ministries more effective. NFHM does not set up conferences because of the various other groups who already provide this service.

1 Cor 12:26-27

We serve by connecting different churches and faith-based groups together for more unified ministry, witness and service. Unity glorifies God and makes the communication of his Good News more credible. It also avoids needless competition and duplication of efforts by focusing on shared strength and mission. Inter-congregation cooperation in ministry helps the Church work together as a whole and should be grounded in the daily community life of each local church.

Eph 4:4

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We serve by using the skills, experience and resources of our staff to serve local housing ministry efforts with technical assistance. NFHM provides assistance in the areas of real estate development, architectural design and construction, ministry development, property management, finance and resource development, legal and policy issues, and technology. NFHM offers assistance with day-to-day ministry work, ranging from need identification and action plan preparation to resource aggregation and plan execution.

Exod 28:3
Exod 31:2-4

We serve by presenting and implementing various models for local housing ministry. NFHM assists groups in starting new housing ministries by providing information about work of different groups in the past and by thinking about new ways to do housing ministry. Ministries can vary by target service population: elderly, families, homeless, disabled, mixed income; by ownership: cooperative, individual ownership, non-profit sponsorship, congregational corporate ownership, partnership with other non-profits; by housing tenure: homeownership, rental, transitional, hospice, assisted-living; and by development type: new construction, rehab, adaptive reuse, advocacy, general housing services, preservation. We focus on creative, Spirit-led development of new ways to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom through housing ministries. NFHM uses its capacity to design and implement different types of creative housing ministries.

Exod 31:6

We serve by facilitating financial resource development to fund housing ministries. NFHM serves by creating new centralized funding and investment vehicles that help finance housing ministry efforts. We also utilize existing resources used for affordable housing such as private funds, charitable donations, community development lending institutions and government grants and subsidies.

Prov 13:11
Luke 19:11-27

We serve by equipping urban, suburban or rural missionaries with the practical skills for effective housing ministry. We seek to train called and gifted individuals with affordable housing and real estate property management skills in order to provide them with an income production means in which to incarnational minister in low or mixed income housing communities. We encourage new leadership roles within congregations to do housing ministry work.

Rom 12:6-8

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We serve by advocating on behalf of the poor regarding government policy on housing and community development. We seek to advance and promote fair and just housing policies and action through organizing and communicating the needs of local groups in a wider policy setting. We use the experience learned at the local level to inform wise and fair decision-making at the systemic level.

1 Kgs 3:28
Mic 3:1-4

We serve by speaking prophetically to congregations regarding their role as reconciling Kingdom communities within their local neighborhoods. We communicate the truth of the Word of God especially as it pertains to the church's call to serve the poor as a reconciled community. We serve by calling for and mobilizing greater efforts by local church congregations to be involved in serving and working with the poor through housing ministries. We encourage local congregations to be actively seeking God's Kingdom through housing ministries, both locally and as part of a wider regionally based effort. We involve local congregations taking into consideration their unique gifts and characteristics.

Isa 58:11-12
Phil 4:11-13
Luke 9:2
Neh 1:5-7

We serve by encouraging and providing opportunities for the next generation of church leadership to be involved in housing ministry through training and other developmental experiences. We commit to providing training and ministry experiences to college and seminary students interested in missions opportunities through housing ministries. We seek to promote housing ministries as an important part of serving and working with the poor in local communities.

Acts 18:1-3

We serve committed to addressing not just local housing needs, but also the causes of those needs at a systemic level. The world needs the redemption of systems that currently cause housing injustice in the world. God calls us to be good stewards of the social systems of our cities and neighborhoods, because He is concerned for the health and fairness of these systems. We desire to faithful work in changing systems and wider structures that hinder true reconciliation. We recognize the fallen nature of man and his systems and institutions and try to limit the effects of sin in these systems. Political power, used wisely under God's authority, can help against systemic injustice, but we stay alert to the fact that power does corrupt and can easily divert us from seeking God's Kingdom.

Amos 5:24
Isa 9:7

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We serve to glorify God by submitting to Him in faith, love and obedient action as He carries out His plan for the world. God has authority over His creation and is fulfilling His final plan of its redemption in which His people has a central role. Living in the Kingdom of God includes a life centered on Him and seeing the world from the perspective of His rule.

Matt 6:33
Mark 10:15

We serve to live faithfully in light of the Kingdom following Jesus' life and teachings. Our efforts are grounded in our obedience to His commands and modeled after His life of love, justice and compassion. We are committed to serving with biblical and Christ-centered principles in our day-to-day ministries. As we work in the area of affordable housing ministry we strive to be Christ-like in our actions, behaviors, attitudes, motivations, intentions and deeds.

John 14:21
Matt 16:23
1 Cor 11:1

We serve to be an agent of reconciliation between God and people, and among people. Through Jesus, people are able to be reconciled with God and reconciled to one another. Our ministry serves to meet the needs, both those felt and not, as part of this reconciliation process. Reconciliation with God must be demonstrated by genuine reconciliation within the Christian community and by a continuing ministry of reconciliation in the world

Matt 20:24

We serve to seek justice and righteousness in a world that is often unjust and unrighteous. Just and righteous living are the foundation of God's rule. Unjust housing conditions and situations are the cause and the result of sin in the world. Housing ministries offer practical opportunities to demonstrate justice, mercy and love.

Isa 3:15
Ps 58:1-2

We serve to show compassion for people and fight against the assaults on human dignity that they face. As God loves people as His creation formed in His image, we are to love and see value in the world and in all people. The effects of sin in the world today creates assaults on human dignity, such as oppression, poverty, hunger and injustice.

Gen 1:27

We serve to show concern for God's economy in the proper biblical stewardship of resources in our ministry and business practices. We commit to use God-given resources wisely and not wastefully. We commit to openness, honesty and integrity in all our business practices. We desire to serve with the financial support of God's people who biblically steward their resources.

Matt 6:24
Heb 13:5
Jam 4:13-17

We serve with the understanding that all successful ministry is done through God's power and relies on His grace. We humbly serve, as Jesus showed us, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our actions. Ultimately neither planning, experience, praise, intellect, a strong financial position, or any other worldly definition of power defines our success by God's standards. NFHM seeks to use the world's resources to enrich, rather than undermine, the Church's faithfulness to God.

Acts 17:29-30

Rom 12:2

We serve focused on the true nature of the spiritual battle and are committed to prayer as essential communication from God as He invites us to join Him in His work. We work against the powers and principalities of this world and its spiritual roots, knowing that God has already won the final victory over sin and death. Engaging in spiritual warfare through prayer, scripture and community is an indispensable part of serving with God in the world today.

Eph 6:11-13

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We serve to promote the role of churches and faith-groups in providing needed affordable housing to the poor. In most communities, there is currently a great need for safe, decent, affordable housing for people of limited income. Most of this need either goes unmet or is relieved by public and/or private efforts. While historically playing a constant and faithful role to meet some of that need, faith-based groups have much larger untapped potential to serve their local communities through housing. As a faith-based group, we commit to developing this potential into God-glorifying action that serves others.

We serve to be a faith-based housing intermediary at a national level. While there are groups serving as intermediaries in the housing arena, they usually serve a wider spectrum of housing providers which encompass both public and private, faith-based and secular. There are also national Christian groups who focus on the faith perspective of social justice and/or community development, but not with the focus or expertise devoted to housing and real-estate issues. NFHM serves to meet the need for a faith-based housing intermediary that works nationally.

We serve as faith-based not only by our inspiration and motivation but also through our methods and objectives in ministry. NFHM seeks to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God in all we do in our ministry. We hope we are better able to serve faith-based housing ministries and churches because of this faith-perspective. We believe that God has called us to a special role of service and we commit to faithfully follow Him as He does His work.

Col 3:17

We serve with compassion that has no strings attached. We give of ourselves self-sacrificially, as Jesus did, for the highest benefit of others. We serve without expecting anything in return nor requiring certain actions, religious or otherwise, in response to our service.

Acts 20:35

We serve open to partnership with secular institutions, influencing them to significance for God's purposes. Part of engaging and living in the world is working with the world. As we work in partnership with secular institutions we will desire to seek their highest good as they do their work. We respect and love all people and desire to witness the Kingdom to them.

Prov 8:14-16

We serve to provide housing for the poor built with funding from both private and public sources specifically designated for that purpose. Strategic working partnerships with secular groups can help to provide better services for those in need. We appropriately use public and private funds to serve those in need, but firmly maintain the call to Christians that proper stewardship of God's resources includes giving generously to the poor and their causes.

Ps 24:1
Exod 35:29

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We serve as a faith-based group in showing that social action and evangelism are two sides of the same coin, which is the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Often both sides are viewed separately and fall short - evangelism may be a way to avoid personal involvement in people's day-to-day lives and social action may be an attempt to ignore the reality of people's spiritual need. We are committed to establishing housing communities which bring both aspects together. As we provide for the material housing needs of the poor, we also seek evangelism opportunities through intentional incarnationally living and ministry.

1 Cor 13:2

We serve in order to perform the greatest service one can do for another which is bringing one into fellowship with God. Changed people are necessary to change society. The gospel is not fully proclaimed until persons have been personally confronted with the truth claims of Jesus and their responsibility to accept him as Lord and Savior. Personal salvation and reconciliation with God is central and necessary, but is only the beginning of the Good News of the Kingdom. It is also essential to win people's allegiance to God's Kingdom and its priorities. We want to emphasize the need for this type of evangelism in housing ministries and believe that these types of incarnational ministries reflect a prioritization of evangelism in a church's life.

John 14:6

Acts 1:8

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We serve to help local church congregations live out their biblical role as healing, helping and liberating Kingdom communities. The Church bears witness to the reality of God's saving work through service that brings healing and points toward the future and ultimate establishment of the Kingdom of God . Local housing ministries can help local congregations creatively practice Christian community while providing places of healing and stability to those in need.

Prov 24:3-4

We serve because the world longs for and needs reconciled community in our society today. When biblically faithful, the church has the two things the world needs most: the love of God and life in community. When God's love becomes the focus in the building of healthy community, in which housing ministries could pay a role, the Kingdom of God is demonstrated. The Church most transforms society when it is itself growing and being perfected in God's love.

Gal :27-28

We serve to encourage Koinonia (biblical, need-meeting relationships) among communities of believers. Koinonia includes caring for one another in community by meeting each other's spiritual, material and relational needs. This experience of Christian community is essential to witnessing to God's Kingdom and to the healing and wholeness it brings. Incarnational and intentional ministry can attractively demonstrate the Good News of the Kingdom as people grow in their relationships with God and with each other and as people share life and faith deeply in intimate community.

Gen 1:27-28

Acts 2:42-47

We serve to help congregations live out Kingdom community characterized by righteousness and justice. Incarnational ministry through housing allows for day-to-day contact with people to practically demonstrate God's righteousness and justice. Providing individuals and families in need with safe, decent, affordable places to live is one aspect of treating one another rightly and justly. Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that those who ought to be the most sensitive to need are often the least sensitive.

Jer 22:13-17

We serve to stand against private individualism which goes against demonstrated Christian community. The Church must move beyond the worldly view of a separated and internalized faith and life, to an inter-dependent community model which is characterized by intimacy, love, and mutual support. Intentional local living communities can help move the Church away from society's broader trend of harmful individualism and autonomy.

We serve through reconciling communities at the foundational levels of family, church and neighborhood. We work and develop relationships that proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God on these foundational social levels. Our local neighborhoods are comprised of many people who we come into daily contact with and who have both material and spiritual needs. Housing ministry efforts are intended to help foster reconciling communities at the three foundational levels in which we can meet these needs.

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We serve through the power of the radical, transforming activity of the Holy Spirit which changes lives and calls people to faith in Jesus and reconciliation with God. No amount of housing, economic stability or beneficial relationships alone can result in changed lives. Only God through his grace in Jesus' sacrifice can wholly change lives. We serve the whole person and have faith that by God's grace and upon the basis of the Jesus' work, significant healing can be a reality here and now. The Holy Spirit works in people's lives today until the day Jesus returns and fully establishes His Kingdom.

2Cor 5:1

Rev 7:17

We serve committed to John Perkins' 3 'R's of Christian community development: Relocation, Reconciliation and Redistribution. Relocation in housing ministries is achieved through providing for incarnational, intentional Christian communities in areas of need. Its goal is to identify with and humble oneself for effective ministry through increased opportunities for contact and relationship building with the poor. Reconciliation in housing ministries is achieved through God-centered relationships between persons in community. As we seek the highest good of others we understand what it means to be reconciled with one another. Redistribution in housing ministries is achieved through providing housing at lower affordable costs for those who cannot afford it. Stable housing and increased social capital can lead to better economic opportunities and self-sufficiency.