

Spirit-filled Congregations Support Journey Home, Inc.'s work to End Homelessness



(L to R) Matt Morgan, Executive Director of Journey Home, Inc., Rev. Muriel Paschall of Hartford Faith Tabernacle, EHT, and Bishop Tyrone Black of Ebenezer Holy Temple.

The Ebenezer Holy Temple (EHT) met on Thursday, October 27 for a night of Spirit-filled praise and worship at which they made a special donation to support the work of Journey Home, Inc. Journey Home works collaboratively in Greater Hartford to initiate innovative solutions to homelessness. The donation will help people experiencing homelessness to be able to move into housing through Journey Home's programs. Earlier this year, members of the EHT participated in the Vulnerability Index Survey coordinated by Journey Home to help document homeless individuals and families that are medically vulnerable and most at risk of premature death. These high-risk individuals are then prioritized for housing and services. The EHT is made up of several Christian Pentecostal congregations under the administration of the talented and respected Bishop Tyrone Black.

Journey Home also works to strengthen and support shelters and housing programs in Greater Hartford to carry out the mission of responding to hunger and homelessness with food, shelter, and affordable housing. To this end, Journey Home helped forge a relationship between Ebenezer Holy Temple and McKinney Shelter, an emergency shelter for single homeless men located at the old Firehouse on 34 Huyshope Avenue in Hartford. EHT congregations began collecting canned goods for the past several months and delivered them with Journey Home staff on Friday to the McKinney Shelter. Rev. Muriel Paschall, who pastors one of the four EHT congregations, Hartford Faith Tabernacle, committed her church to continue in their supportive relationship to the shelter by cooking and serving a hot meal to the men in the shelter at least a couple of times each year, and perhaps more frequently.