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Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance (GIMA)

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### **Faith Communities Unite to Support Streets to Home Housing Initiative**

**Congregations across Central Indiana commit to raising \$270,000 to help house neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness.**

**Indianapolis, 6/3/25.** Following the successful community action led by the Black Church Coalition, Indy Action Network, and the Validus Movement, The Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance (GIMA) is inviting congregations across Central Indiana to join a multifaith effort to support the *Streets to Home Initiative* – a community-driven campaign to provide permanent housing and supportive services for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. This initiative is part of a broader campaign to provide not just shelter, but lasting homes and supportive services for those most in need.

The campaign will culminate in a weekend of shared commitment, **August 15–17, 2025**, with congregations encouraged to dedicate offerings and contributions to the cause. The weekend will begin with a public screening of [\*Beyond The Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness\*](#) on **Thursday, August 14 at 6 PM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church**. GIMA will be sharing materials and additional information leading up to the August weekend.

The goal: Faith community partners raise \$270,000 by the end of 2025, contributing to a \$2.7 million commitment by philanthropic partners to house 350 unsheltered neighbors. We already have commitments of \$80,000+ from Cornerstone congregations. This effort is part of a broader, community-wide collaboration to restore dignity and stability to those most in need that includes \$2.7 million from the City of Indianapolis and \$2.7 million from the *Housing to Recovery* fund.

**GIMA invites congregations to:**

- **Contribute toward the \$270,000 goal**
  - Congregations may choose a tithe of \$270, \$2,700, \$27,000 or another amount
- **Appoint a point person** to coordinate and receive updates
- **Encourage major or matching gifts** from members
- **Publicly sign on** to the initiative to end homelessness in Indianapolis not just manage it

**Congregations may start now or use the August 15-17 weekend for a special event tied to the giving.** Offerings will go directly to the *Streets to Home* fund.

“As people of faith, we cannot be silent while our neighbors sleep and die on our streets. The *Streets to Home Initiative* is more than a housing campaign; it’s a moral imperative,” said Rev. David W. Greene, Sr., President of the Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis. “This effort represents the kind of cross-sector collaboration we need to restore dignity and stability to our community. I am proud to stand with GIMA and other faith leaders in this shared commitment.”

This call to action is echoed by GIMA leadership.

“This is a tangible, faithful step we can take together,” said Rabbi Aaron Spiegel, Executive Director of GIMA. “It’s an opportunity to live out our shared calling to love our neighbors, seek the good of our city, and offer real hope to those who have too long gone without it.”

Faith communities interested in joining the effort or learning more [register here](#) or can contact Rabbi Aaron Spiegel at [aspiegel@indymultifaith.org](mailto:aspiegel@indymultifaith.org) or 317-426-6725.

GIMA brings together faith leaders from diverse religious traditions to collaborate on civic projects that serve the common good and promote equity across Indianapolis.

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