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Faith Hope and Love Community Celebrates the Graduation of The Table of Miracles Missional Food Pantry

The Good Pastor Church Completes Training and Prepares to Serve Arlington Woods and the surrounding Community

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN — July 14, 2026 — Faith Hope and Love Community, Inc. (FHL) invites the community to celebrate the graduation of **The Table of Miracles Missional Food Pantry**, a significant milestone for **The Good Pastor Church** as it completes FHL's Missional Food Pantry training program and prepares to begin serving the Arlington and 34th Street community in the coming weeks.

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** at **The Good Pastor Church, 3406 N. Arlington Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218**. The celebration is open to the public and will include music, prayer, fellowship, food, and a special recognition of the congregation's commitment to serving its neighbors.

Once officially opened, **The Table of Miracles** will become the **73rd Missional Food Pantry** trained and launched by Faith Hope and Love Community since introducing the Missional Food Pantry model in **2009**.

The name **"The Table of Miracles"** reflects the church's vision and faith that lives are transformed when people gather around a welcoming table where compassion, hope, encouragement, and practical support are shared. It represents more than providing groceries, it symbolizes a place where neighbors are known, relationships are formed, and new opportunities begin.

Unlike traditional food pantries that primarily focus on food distribution, a **Missional Food Pantry** intentionally builds relationships within the community. Volunteers take time to know

their neighbors, listen to their stories, connect families with community resources, and create opportunities for individuals and families to flourish. Food becomes the starting point for trust, collaboration, and lasting community transformation.

"*The graduation represents months of preparation, learning, and dedication by the congregation*," said **Dr. Merlin Gonzales, Founder and President of Faith Hope and Love Community, Inc.** "*The members of The Good Pastor Church have embraced a vision of becoming a community hub where people are welcomed with dignity, compassion, and genuine relationships. We are excited to see how God will use The Table of Miracles to bring hope throughout the Arlington Woods neighborhood in Indianapolis.*"

Since establishing the first Missional Food Pantry in 2009, FHL has trained more than **300 churches and community organizations** throughout Indiana. The organization continues to equip local leaders with practical tools, coaching, and ongoing support to strengthen neighborhoods through collaboration, leadership development, and person-centered community engagement.

Faith Hope and Love Community and The Good Pastor Church warmly invite residents, community leaders, neighboring churches, volunteers, and organizations to attend the graduation ceremony and become part of this growing movement. Community transformation happens when neighbors, churches, businesses, and organizations work together toward a shared vision of hope and human flourishing.

If you live, work, worship, or serve in the **Arlington Woods neighborhood**, this is an opportunity to become involved in a ministry that seeks to build meaningful relationships while meeting practical needs. We are creating a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.

Graduation Ceremony

The Table of Miracles Missional Food Pantry Graduation

Sunday, July 19, 2026
3:00 p.m.
The Good Pastor Church
3406 N. Arlington Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46218

The event is free and open to the public.

About Faith Hope and Love Community, Inc.

Faith Hope and Love Community, Inc. (FHL) is an Indianapolis-based nonprofit organization founded in 2005 that equips churches, nonprofits, and community leaders to strengthen neighborhoods through leadership development, collaboration, and innovative approaches to addressing food insecurity. Since launching its first Missional Food Pantry in 2009, FHL has trained more than 300 organizations and continues to build one of Indiana's largest networks of Missional Food Pantries, empowering communities to move beyond food assistance toward lasting human flourishing.