

# Answering the Call

Creating Solutions for Homelessness



# Welcome!

- Introductions
- Housekeeping
- Agenda
  - Setting the stage for the series and the day
  - Interview with Anne and Jeanette
  - Katie/Colleen sharing some facts about the current situation
  - Break
  - Defining a response based on shared values and a defined need
  - Reflections on the day and thoughts about what's next
  - Lunch!







# Setting the table





# The series

- Our goal is to Convene, Align, Activate
- 2 Lenses: experience and community
- Session topics:
  - Word on the street: the experience of homelessness 7/25
  - Shelter and the power of stability 8/15
  - Reimagining sustainably affordable housing 9/5
  - "A house is not a home": gaining stability 10/10
  - Orienting: seeing a call to action 11/8
  - Organizing: getting started 12/5
  - Wrap up: Thinking back, looking forward 1/9

# 3 Big ideas:



See the need



Hear the call



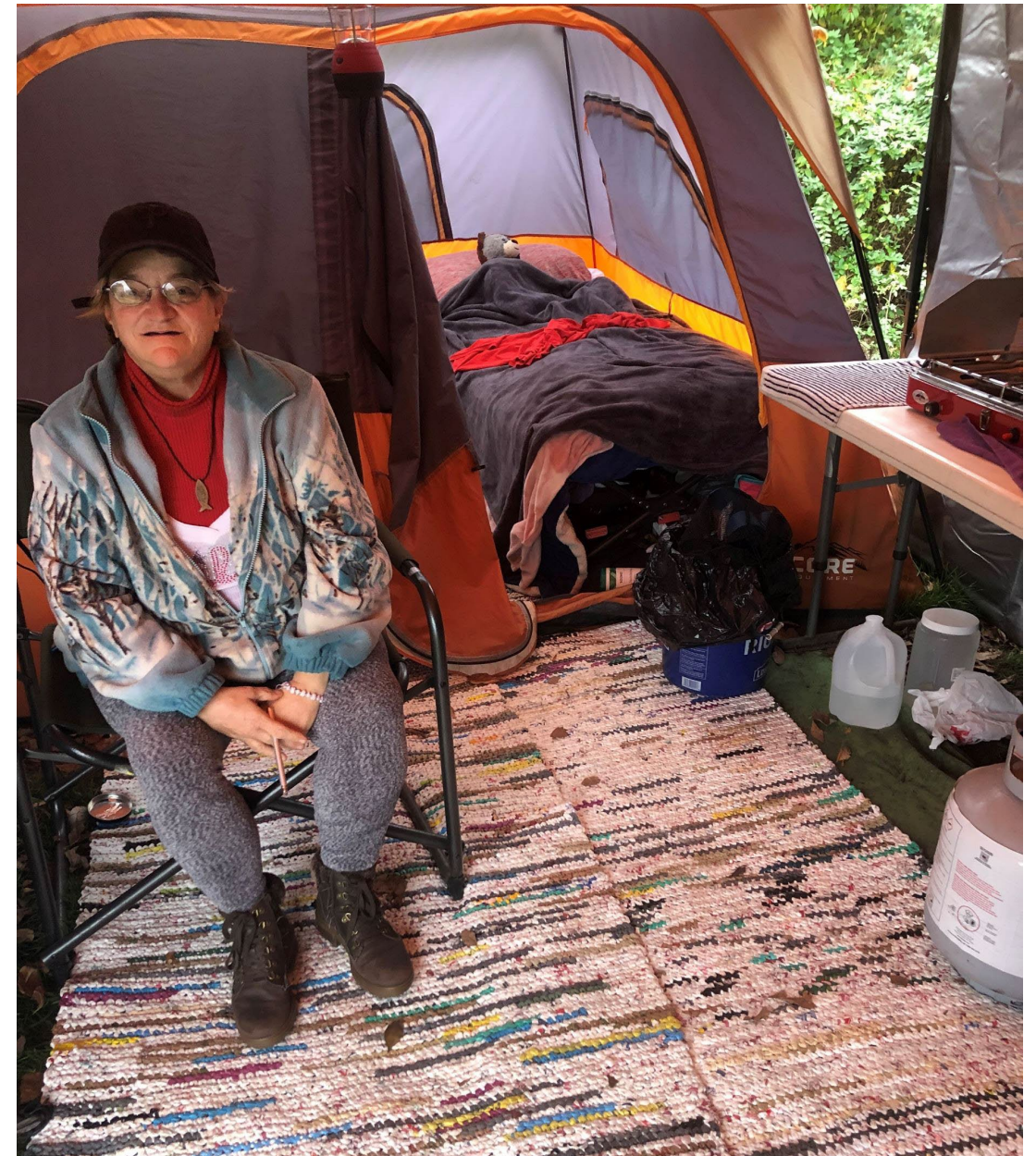
Move into action

# Cycle of homelessness





# Meet Anne and Jeanette











# Reflect

- What struck you about Anne's experience?





# #1: See the need

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## #2: Hear a call

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# The "why" of our faith/beliefs

- Bring your whole self to the conversation
- Collaborate for the common good
- The value of every human life
- The value of caring for the vulnerable
- The value of seeking justice



# "How many socks?"

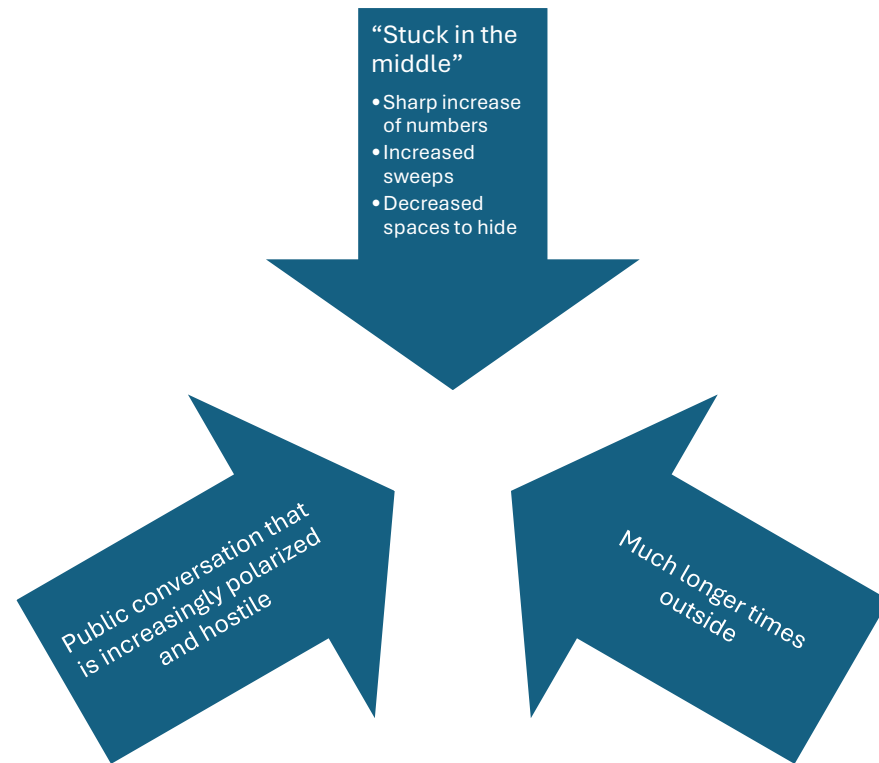


- Relief/Charity
- Relief
  - Live outside as safely and comfortably as possible
  - Get inside some of the time
  - Meet basic needs
- Development/Justice
  - Development of a just community
  - Name oppressive community behavior
  - Change prohibitive policy
  - Create true affordability



# Standing in the gaps

## Homelessness



## Housing

- Sharp increases in evictions
- Deepening affordability gap
- No affordability for the people in most need of it.
- The duo of exclusionary zoning and NIMBYism



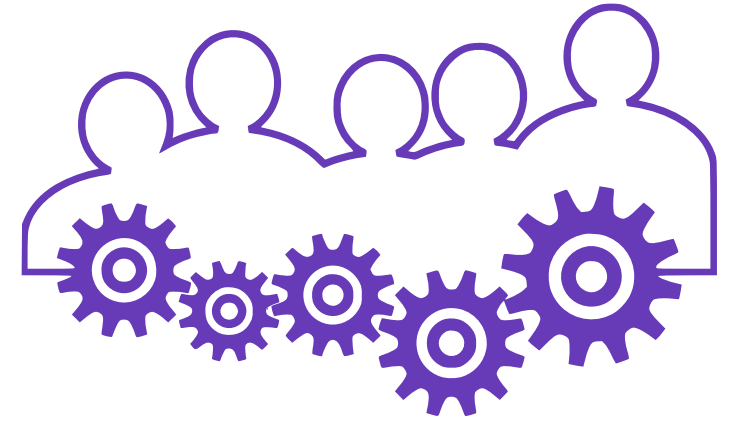
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# What works



## Projects

- Hope Rescue Mission
- Pallet Shelter community
- SquareOne Villages

## Hallmarks

- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Decisional will

# Getting started

- Find the gap, don't overlap
- What's going on in your local space?  
Where are people living outside, where are the housing gaps?
- Who is doing something and what are they doing? How can you find that out?
- Where do you think your interest/passion lies? (Think of the cycle)
- How can you align with your neighbors/other parts of the faith community?
- Who else is doing something that you can learn from?







**Wrap up**