



**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos**

**WINTER GATHERING**

***Homelessness Demystified:  
Creating Awareness, Understanding, and Solutions***

*But if anyone has the  
world's goods  
and sees their sister or brother  
in need,  
yet closes their heart  
against them,  
how does God's love  
abide in them?*

**I John 3: 17**

Canvas, Irvine, Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:30 am – 12 noon

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Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:30 am – 12 noon

**Canvas Church, Irvine, CA**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

9:30 am – 10:00 am – **Check-in, Meet and Greet, Art Displays, Continental Breakfast**

10:00 am – 10:05 am – **Welcome, Prayer & Lighting the Christ Candle**

Lynne Abraham-Yadlin, Canvas, and Anne Sivley, Moderator, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

10:05 am – 10:15 am – **Introductions and Program - Anita Coleman**

10:15 am – 11:30 am – **Program**

- **Professor Jacob Avery**, University of California, Irvine
- **Mohammed Aly**, OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition
- **Helen Cameron**, Jamboree Housing Corporation
- **Faces of Santa Ana - Brian Peterson & Kimberly Sandoval**
- **Q & A and Buffet of Educational Experiences**

11:30 am – 11:35 am – **Break** – You are welcome to stay for the Business Meeting but if you aren't a PW we encourage you to go to the foyer, meet the panelists and artists and others from the non-profits to learn more and sign up for the experiences.

11:35 am – 12 noon - **Business Meeting** – Anne Sivley, Moderator

12 noon - **Adjourn with Closing Prayer and Blessing**

## WELCOME!

On behalf of **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF LOS RANCHOS PRESBYTERY**, we are pleased to welcome you to our Winter Gathering, Saturday, February 2, 2019, here at Canvas, Irvine.

The program committee has worked hard to bring together artists and an all-star panel to offer *Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding, and Solutions*.

- **Professor Jacob Avery**, University of California at Irvine, in “The Vicious Cycle of Homelessness” will show us how homeless people meet their basic needs and how they are punished for meeting those needs.
- **Mohammed Aly**, attorney and founder of Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition, will discuss the “Criminalization of Homelessness.”
- **Helen Cameron**, Business Development Manager Jamboree Housing Corporation, in “The Costs of Homelessness and Some Solutions” will share highlights from the ground-breaking UW-OC/JHC/UCI study and the successful housing and services solutions of Jamboree.
- Art by Photographer **David Freeman**, and Artist **Brian Peterson** / Faces of Santa Ana. They envision a world where every person is visible, connected, and loved; and are dedicated to engaging and befriending our neighbors through creativity.

An added benefit of our **Homelessness Demystified** program is that it launches the **Buffet of Educational Experiences**, BEE. The BEE or “Experiences” are hands-on activities to learn about the OC homelessness crisis from many different people and perspectives. It is a buffet because you choose how and what you want to learn. Non-profits and many people have stepped up to put the Buffet together and customize the hands-on Experiences. Choose from housing tours, serving alongside charities, interacting with homeless and advocacy communities, and more. The customized Experiences will be available during the next few months, February – May 2019.

This program guide is your valuable menu to the **Buffet of Educational Experiences**. It is also available online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/bee>. Save this guide. Set aside some time after today’s program to browse through it carefully. Then, select and add to your plate to explore, savor, and join the many working to bring housing for all.

## REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE:

On **May 4th**, we will reconvene with another all-star panel: ***Homelessness Demystified: Strategic Directions and Missional Action***. We plan to start with a community forum. Participants will informally share the highlights of our ‘homelessness’ learning experiences and then identify some next steps for individual and collective impact.

Yours in Christ’s service,

*Anne Sivley & Anita Coleman*

## **Introducing the Buffet of Educational Experiences**

**Webpage: <http://irvineforeveryone.org>**

**The Homelessness Buffet has an ambitious goal.** We want to increase awareness of the causes and consequences of homelessness, the unwitting stigmatization and criminalization of homeless people, and of some of the solutions. We want to explore how we, as individuals and as members of different communities to which we belong, can be intentional, strategic, and missional in action. Can we help homeless people with long-lasting solutions? To find out, we will be putting our boots on the ground, meeting homeless service providers, engaging with currently and formerly homeless people and their advocates.

**All of us learn in different ways.** That is why there are seven categories of different educational experiences. They are:

- 1) Housing Experiences
- 2) Volunteering Experiences
- 3) Connection Experiences
- 4) Advocacy Experiences
- 5) Donation Drive Experiences
- 6) Knowledge in Action Experiences
- 7) Other Experiences

As you put your Homelessness Learning Experiences plate together, it is recommended that you try out one activity from each of the seven categories. Representatives from service providers who are hosting and offering our diverse Buffet learning experiences are here today. You will have an opportunity to meet with them at the end of the program. Explore!

### **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR BUFFET EXPERIENCES AND SOME VERY IMPORTANT NOTES:**

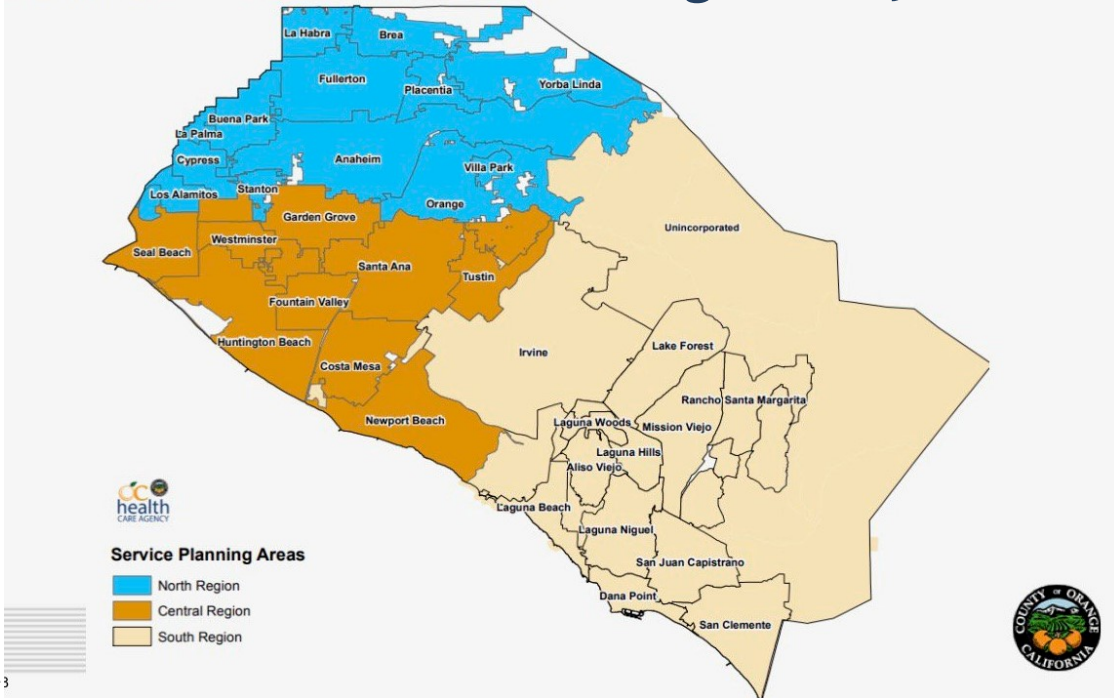
An overview of the Experiences is in the Table on page 7. Details about each Experience are provided on pages 8-14.

There are two ways to participate. Both require an email that you check regularly.

1. You can sign up today, in the foyer, after the program.
2. You can go home and browse through the Buffet menu; either this printed one or the one posted on the Irvine4Everyone website at <http://irvineforeveryone.org>. Once you know which Experiences you want to add to your plate, be sure to RSVP before the deadline via the online links. *Please note that we may not be able to honor all RSVPs as some of the Experiences have a maximum number of participants limit.* Be sure to RSVP early and be sure to check your email regularly. *Email will be the primary form of communication.*

Some Experiences may require IDs. You must provide your own transportation. We will be praying for our collective learning. We look forward to seeing you again on May 4th for our second Gathering. Enjoy!

# Service Planning Areas Orange County



**Above:** For purposes of efficient provision of services to homeless people, OC is divided into three Service Planning Areas (SPA). **Source:** Service Planning Areas Map, Orange County - Office of Care Coordination, Additional Documents. <http://www.ocgov.com/gov/ceo/care/docs>.

**Below:** In LA County, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is a joint powers commission. More at <https://www.lahsa.org/>

LAHSA | Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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## About LAHSA

To support, create and sustain solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County by providing leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding.

— LAHSA Mission Statement

### Overview of LAHSA

In December of 1993, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles mayor and City Council created the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) as an independent, joint powers authority. LAHSA is the lead agency in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, which is the regional planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals in Los Angeles County. LAHSA coordinates and manages over \$300 million annually in federal, state, county, and city funds for programs that provide shelter, housing, and services to people experiencing homelessness.

### Partners

Through LAHSA, funding, program design, outcomes assessment, and technical assistance are provided to more than 100 nonprofit partner agencies that assist people experiencing homelessness achieve independence and stability in permanent housing. Our partner agencies provide a continuum of programs ranging from outreach, access centers, emergency shelters, safe havens, transitional and permanent housing, and prevention, along with the necessary supportive services designed to provide the tools and skills required to attain a stable housing environment.

Additionally, LAHSA partners with both the city and county of Los Angeles to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options throughout the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

#### More About Us

- Leadership
- Org Chart  
Review our organizational structure
- LAHSA Commission

# OVERVIEW OF THE BUFFET OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

<http://irvineforeveryone.org>

Type of Experience	February	March	April
Housing Experiences <a href="#">/house</a>	Feb. 8 - Jamboree Diamond Celebration, Anaheim	March 8 - Jamboree Doria, Irvine	April 26 - Friendship Shelter, Long Beach
	Feb 13 - WISEPlace, SA	March 15 - Century Villages, Long Beach	
		March 1 & 21 - WISEPlace, Santa Ana	
Volunteering Experiences <a href="#">/volunteer</a>	Irvine4E Career Development Team, Irvine		
	Friendship Shelter, Laguna Beach		
	Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach		
	Mercy Housing at the Bridges (Anaheim), Courtyard (Santa Ana) and The Link (newest shelter in Santa Ana and bordering Tustin & Irvine)		
Connection Experiences <a href="#">/connect</a>	February 5 office hours with Mo Aly in Orange	March 27: Casa Teresa Experience, Orange	Coffee with Anita, Irvine March/April
Advocacy Experiences <a href="#">/advocate</a>	Attend YOUR CITY COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION meetings; Find out what your city is doing regarding affordable and homeless housing		
	Attend Board of Supervisors Meetings Weekly, Santa Ana;		
	Attend Housing is a Human Right OC Coalition (HHROCC) meetings On Mondays, Anaheim; On third Mondays, HHROCC meets in SA with the Poor People's Campaign		
Donation Drive Experiences <a href="#">/donate</a>	OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition <i>(month long)</i>	Friendship Shelter, Laguna Beach; Shower Ministry, Garden Grove; WISEPlace, Santa Ana <i>(choose one, each a month long)</i>	Casa Teresa, Orange Baby Shower <i>(month long)</i>
Knowledge in Action Experiences <a href="#">/know</a>	Fly Away Home discussions with an existing Book Group February/March/April		Creative Crafts for a Cause by InSight & Irvine4Everyone
			April Family Promise Experience, April 14, Santa Ana
Other Experiences <a href="#">/other</a>	Homelessness 101 classes in 2019 – <a href="https://www.unitedtoendhomelessness.org/">https://www.unitedtoendhomelessness.org/</a>		
	DIGITAL LIBRARIES & MAGAZINES & ART Irvine For Everyone Digital Library   InSight Magazine <a href="http://irvineforeveryone.org/">http://irvineforeveryone.org/</a>   <a href="https://www.insightmag.org/">https://www.insightmag.org/</a>		

## DETAILS ABOUT THE BUFFET OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

### 1) HOUSING EXPERIENCES

**Guided Tours – Goal:** Understand the types of homeless housing and homeless people.

- **Type of Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); Affordable Housing**
  - **Service Provider, Property Developer and Manager:** Jamboree
  - **Date: Feb. 8, 2019**
  - 10th Anniversary Celebrations of Diamond, Anaheim
  - Where: Diamond, 1310 W. Diamond St, Anaheim, CA 92801
  - **RSVP Required by Feb. 5th** online at <https://tinyurl.com/JHDiamond>
  - **Date: April 12, 2019**
  - **Time:** 10 am - 11:30 am
  - **Where:** Doria, 1000 Crested Bird, Irvine, CA 92620
  - **RSVP REQUIRED by April 1** online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/house>
- **Type of Housing: Transitional Housing; Emergency Housing (aka Emergency Shelter)**
  - **Service Provider: WISEPlace**
  - **Dates and Times: A choice of three dates for you to choose from:**
    - Wednesday February 13, 2019 @ 10 am
    - Friday March 1, 2019 @ 10 am
    - Thursday March 21, 2019 @ 10 am
  - **Cost:** Free. Donation suggested <https://wiseplace.org/donate-now/>
  - **RSVP 1 week before each tour online** at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/house>
  - **Contact: Eliz Hendershot, [eliz@wiseplace.org](mailto:eliz@wiseplace.org)**  
(714) 542-3577x123 or (714) 803-5302 (cell)
  - **Note:** Start time at 10 am prompt. Finish with questions by ~ 11:00 or 11:30 am.
  - **Address and Parking: *No transportation will be provided. Although the main address is 1411 N Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706, the parking lot entrance is on the back side of the block on Sycamore Street. There is a security gated entrance to the parking lot. Each arrival must check in at the gate. There is limited parking here. If this lot is full, there is usually street parking (quarters needed). If anyone can carpool that would be great. The non-official address to locate the parking lot entrance on a phone map is 1432 Sycamore St, Santa Ana, CA 92701.***
- **Type of Housing: Integrated Housing modeling Housing First**
  - **Service Provider, Property Developer and Manager:** Century Villages at Cabrillo, Long Beach
  - **Date:** March 15, 2019
  - **Time:** 10:30 am – 12 noon
  - **Cost:** Free. Donation suggested <https://centuryvillages.org/donate/>
  - **Maximum Number of attendees: Limited to 25**
  - **Address:** 2001 River Ave., Long Beach, CA
  - **RSVP RQUIRED by February 28** online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/house>
- **Type of Housing: Emergency Housing (aka Emergency Shelter); Bridge Housing; Permanent Supportive Housing**
  - **Service Provider: Friendship Shelter, Laguna Beach**
  - **Dates and Times:** Friday April 26, 2019, 10 am – 1:00 pm (no lunch)



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- 10:00 a.m. – ASL Emergency Shelter
- 11:30 a.m. – Bridge Housing Shelter
- 1:00 p.m. – Permanent Supportive Housing
- **Cost:** Free. *Donation suggested* <http://www.friendshipshelter.org/donate>
- **Number of attendees: Limited to 15**
- **RSVP REQUIRED by April 19** online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/house>
- **Address and Parking:** *No transportation will be provided. You are responsible for showing up on time or the tour may begin without you. Please proceed to the next tour stop and join us there.* Parking is limited. Carpool and street parking is recommended. **ASL Emergency Shelter:** 20652 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach; **Bridge Housing Shelter:** 1335 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach; **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Located in Dana Point – *Address will be provided upon RSVP.*

## 2) VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

**Goal:** Get to know homeless neighbors and service providers

- **Irvine4E Career Development Team**

Irvine for Everyone is excited to partner with CareerWise and pilot an independent team job intervention team in Irvine. CareerWISE (Fullerton), which started in 2000, offers career development services to homeless clients in the shelters. Resume creation, job application, and practice interview services are offered to the homeless people in the places they live and congregate. CareerWise will provide the training and proven system to help an independent I4E team offer these services to homeless clients in Irvine/nearby.

**The number of openings for volunteers is limited to six people and one leader.**

- **Informational Social:** TBD
- **RSVP** by email [irvineforeveryone@gmail.com](mailto:irvineforeveryone@gmail.com)

- **Friendship Shelter**

*For volunteering individually or in groups in the South Orange County area*

- Prepare dinner at the residential shelter. More information at [friendshipshelter.org/how-to-help](http://friendshipshelter.org/how-to-help)
- Host a salon event to help educate your community about the issues surrounding homelessness. *For more information, please contact* [kpoints@friendshipshelter.org](mailto:kpoints@friendshipshelter.org)

- **Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach**

*For volunteering individually or in groups in the Long Beach area*

- **Website:** <http://www.coalongbeach.org/>
- **Contact:** Ana K. De La Torre | 562-432-1440
- **Address:** 515 East Third Street Long Beach, CA 90802

- **Mercy House Living**

*For volunteering individually or in groups in the North and Central Orange County areas (see SPA. P.6)*

- **Armory Shelter Volunteers -**  
<https://mercyhouse.net/volunteer/armoryvolunteer/>
- **For volunteering individually or in groups to County Owned Shelters – Bridges, The Courtyard, and others:** <https://mercyhouse.net/volunteer/>
- **Contact:** Anne Sivley [annesively@aol.com](mailto:annesively@aol.com) | (714) 501-4399

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### 3) CONNECTION EXPERIENCES

**Goal:** Get to know people working in the area of Homelessness and Housing

- **Office hours with Mohammed Aly, Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition**
  - **Date and Time:** February 5, 7:00 pm
  - **Office:** 635 North Eckhoff St. Orange, CA 92868
  - **Contact:** [alym@ocpoverty.com](mailto:alym@ocpoverty.com) | Website: <http://ocpoverty.com/>
  
- **Coffee with Anita**
  - Meet and chat with Anita and a guest (e.g. Tim Houchen, formerly homeless, law enforcement, local elected official, etc.). Have your questions answered confidentially in a small group setting. Anita is the founder of *Irvine4Everyone*, a grassroots advocacy initiative launched in 2018 focusing on one-on-one and small group community education. The goal is to demystify homelessness and grow the number of residents who support the creation of full spectrum housing in Irvine.
  - **Date:** March, April
  - Details and Location will be sent upon RSVP
  - **RSVP REQUIRED by February 28** to [irvineforeveryone@gmail.com](mailto:irvineforeveryone@gmail.com)
  
- **Casa Teresa Experience**
  - **What:** Meet an expectant Mom, get to know the programs and tour the emergency shelter and housing
  - **Date:** March 27, 2019
  - **Time:** 10 am OR 4 pm (Please choose only one time; only one of these may be offered)
  - **Number of participants: 10**
  - **RSVP by March 15** online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/connect>
  - **Suggested Donation:** Bring an item or more from their Layette Wishlist / New Baby Gift List: Newborn diapers; Diapers size 1 and 2; Baby wipes; Baby bottles; Nice Outfits, Sleepers, Gowns, Onesies; Pacifiers; Receiving blankets; Baby shampoo and Baby body wash; Baby Lotion; Bath tub; Boppy, Baby grooming kit; Diaper bag; Baby toy, rattle, or educational toy; Baby ~ Toddler DVD; Stuffed animal – sewn in eyes – no buttons; Baby bath towel and wash cloths; Baby shoes, socks, hats; Bibs; Box of Nursing Pads; Baby Wipe Containers; Swaddlers; Burp Cloths.

### 4) ADVOCACY EXPERIENCES

**Goal:** Get to know homeless advocates, formerly homeless people, and local elected leaders. Local advocacy ideas area available at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/advocate>

- **Local City Councils and Planning Commissions**
  - Go to your City website and learn about affordable and homeless housing
  - **When:** Anytime in February, March, April – attend at least once, or watch online.
  
- **Board of Supervisors, Orange County** | <http://www.ocgov.com/gov/bos/>  
Know your District and your Supervisor. There are five districts in OC. Attend a meeting. BoS meets on Tuesday mornings. Sign up to get notifications. Watch online.
  - **BoS schedule:** <http://www.ocgov.com/gov/bos/agenda/schedule>

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- **Attend Housing is a Human Right OC Coalition meeting**
  - **When:** Every Monday at 7pm (except 3rd Monday at Poor People's Campaign OC in Santa Ana)
  - **Where:** 511 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim 92805
  - **RSVP / Contact:** Linda Lehnkering | 714.683.5905 | [ellethree@gmail.com](mailto:ellethree@gmail.com)
  - **Websites:** <https://housingisahumanrightoc.org/> and <https://summerofthepeople.org/>
  - **Note:** Be sure to check the calendar for guest speaker on the 1st Monday of the month.

### 5) DONATION DRIVE EXPERIENCES

**Goal:** Raise needed supplies and/or funds based on homeless people and service needs (not what we want to give away). In addition, donate money online.

- **Donate to OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition (OCPAC) – February**
  - **Wishlist:** Socks for women and men; feminine hygiene supplies.
  - **Contact:** Mohammed Ally | [alym@ocpoverty.com](mailto:alym@ocpoverty.com)
  - **Website:** <https://ocpoverty.com/>
- **Donation Drive for Friendship Shelter – March**
  - Host a supplies drive! Collect warm socks, shoes for men and women, and light-weight blankets. A full list of wish-list items is on the website at [friendshipshelter.org/how-to-help](http://friendshipshelter.org/how-to-help)
  - **Contact:** Lisa (949) 494-6928 | <http://www.friendshipshelter.org/> |
- **Baby Shower Donation Experience for Casa Teresa for Mother's Day – April**
  - **Mother's Day is May 12.** Organize a donation drive for Casa Teresa Moms
  - **Wishlist:** Collect items on the Casa Teresa Layette Wishlist / New Baby Gift List: Newborn diapers; Diapers size 1 and 2; Swaddlers; Baby wipes; Baby bottles; Nice Outfits, Sleepers, Gowns, Onesies; Pacifiers; Receiving blankets; Baby shampoo and Baby body wash; Baby Lotion; Bath tub; Boppy Baby grooming kit; Diaper bag; Baby toy, rattle, or educational toy; Baby ~ Toddler DVD; Stuffed animal – sewn in eyes – no buttons; Baby bath towel and wash cloths; Baby shoes, socks, hats; Bibs; Box of Nursing Pads; Baby Wipe Containers; Burp Cloths. *Deliver to Casa Teresa For a Mother's Day Surprise!*
  - **Contact:** Lisa Wood | [lwood@casateresa.org](mailto:lwood@casateresa.org) | (714) 225-8612
  - **Website:** <https://www.casateresa.org/>

### 6) KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION EXPERIENCES

**Goal:** Transform knowledge into action

- **Fly Away Home Experience by leveraging existing Book Groups**

“Sometimes I just want to cry. I think Dad and I will be here forever. Then I remember the bird. It took a while, but a door opened. And when the bird left, when it flew free, I know it was singing.” *Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting.

  - Read and discuss this 1993 book about a boy and his dad who are homeless and live in an airport. The book is written by an Irish woman and an acclaimed children's author who has lived most of her life in California.

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### ○ Discussion Tips:

- Either as a group or individually watch the ~ 7 min Video reading of the book: <https://youtu.be/QDkrCc3e0HY>
- Read privately or read-aloud the 4-page text of the book (no pictures): <https://tinyurl.com/flyawayhomexperience>
- What are some of the questions that come to your mind as you read, listened, or watched? What touched you? Do you think the homelessness situation has changed from 1993 to now, 2019, 25 years later? How? Discuss.

### ● Creative Crafts for a Cause: Handmade Backpacks and Compassion Kits for Homeless Neighbors

*InSight* Magazine (UCI) and *Irvine4Everyone* are partnering together to host a family-friendly, all ages welcome, creative crafts and compassion session. We welcome you to join us in the fun of helping others. We will write compassion notes, assemble supplies and help our seamstresses sew backpacks into which all kit supplies will be placed.

- **Date:** April 25, 2019 (early evening)
- **Number of People:** May be capped at 30
- **Cost:** \$5 suggested donation
- **Location:** TBD
- **RSVP Required** online at <https://tinyurl.com/InSightCCA19>

### ● Family Promise Experience

Visit a host congregation that provides shelter and meals for families who are experiencing homelessness. Enjoy dinner, fellowship and see how churches set up to host families in the Family Promise Emergency Shelter program.

- **Dates:** April 14
- **Where:** Second Baptist (Santa Ana)
- **Maximum Number of People:** 10
- **Cost:** Free
- **Donation:** Bring a dish to share for the “Palm Sunday Pot Luck” dinner.
- **RSVP is Required one week** online at <http://irvineforeveryone.org/connect>
- **Contact:** Cyndee Albertson | [albertson@familypromiseoc.org](mailto:albertson@familypromiseoc.org) | Cell 714-353-0428 | Office 714-787-3487
- **Website:** <https://www.familypromiseorangecounty.org/>

## 7) OTHER EXPERIENCES

### ● United to End Homelessness 101 Winter 2019 classes

Check the United to End Homelessness website for your city. Monthly classes are hosted at the United Way offices. Check on line at

<https://www.unitedtoendhomelessness.org/learn-more> to receive updates on upcoming classes near you. The free workshops are repeated. Below is an example:

**When & Where:** Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 AM and Thursday, March 14, 7:30 AM at 18012 Mitchell Irvine, CA.

### ● Subscribe to Newsletters of Local Non-Profits (Not a complete list)

- **Families Forward** – <https://www.families-forward.org/>
- **Human Options: Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence** – <https://humanoptions.org/>

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- **Harbor Interfaith Services: Empowering the Homeless and Working Poor Since 1975**– <http://www.harborinterfaith.org/>
- **Illumination Foundation: Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness** – <https://www.ifhomeless.org/>
- **Skid Row Housing Trust (LA)** – <http://skidrow.org/>
- **South County Outreach** – <http://www.sco-oc.org/>

### ● **Digital Libraries & Magazines**

- **Irvine For Everyone Digital Library** – <http://irvineforeveryone.org/>

*Read at least one article in the different collections listed to learn about local homelessness issues. Collections are:*

- **Homeless Orange County Crisis** – news, blog posts, personal stories, lawsuits, research, reports, and narratives about the homelessness crisis in the OC, beginning with the filing of Case 8:18-cv-00155 filed 01/29/2018 following the Santa Ana River evictions and including 2018 Year in Review by Voice of OC.
- **Third Places and the Homeless, T-PATH** – "Third places" such as libraries, churches, and digital social networks are important community builders because they are easily accessible and trusted. The Third Places and the Homeless, T-Path, collection brings together resources about exemplary third places that are creating and strengthening communities. The goals of this collection are 1) to increase understanding of third places; and 2) discover the front-line libraries, churches, and digital social networks that are addressing the needs of the homeless. The primary audience for T-PATH resources are people of faith, librarians, and teachers.
- **Keep Irvine Safe and Strong** – Although this collection is called Keep Irvine Safe and Strong it includes reviewed research articles and reports about homelessness related to crime, public safety, and security to keep any community safe and strong. The articles here help residents find research data to questions such as: Does homeless housing increase or decrease crime? Does it increase or decrease property values? What is the public safety approach to homelessness and how is it working? What are the tools, approaches, best practices, and solutions that are successful in ending homelessness?

- **InSight Magazine** – <https://www.insightmag.org/>

*Read the article about the Santa Ana Riverbed homeless neighbors.*

Launched Spring 2018, InSight Magazine is a University of California at Irvine student-run digital and print publication focused on making poverty visible and knowledge actionable. Its mission is to harness the power of media to educate, engage, and inspire change by exploring poverty, and highlighting creative and effective approaches to poverty alleviation across Southern California.

- *The Lonesome Death of Peg-Leg Ronnie.*  
By Patrick Hogan. Photos by Sabrina Claros.  
Patrick, activist and writer for the homeless, pens an essay about the death of Peg Leg Ronnie, a known presence on the Orange County Riverbed.  
InSight Magazine, Inaugural issue. Pages 37 – 42.

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- **David Freeman Photography** – <https://whoisnexthomeless.com/>  
David writes: “I look for hope not despair. Taking photos of the homeless is in itself a work of art. Each one is different. Sometimes takes an hour to engage them and take a photo. Sometimes they throw things at you, others will cuss and call you names. Accuse you of making money on their photo. I have been spit on twice, once in Maui and other DTLA Skid-Row. The stories fill your inner-self quickly limiting how many conversations and photos you can each outing. You are always in a state of re-evaluating what you are doing. One thing is constant- you present yourself as an artist and the door usually opens and what is inside is unimaginable. “
- **Faces of Santa Ana – Brian Peterson** – <http://merch.facesofsantaana.com/>  
Faces of Santa Ana was founded by Brian Peterson, an artist from Miami, Florida currently working as a car designer for Kia Motors in Irvine, CA. Brian writes: “Following Jesus has led us to do His work mentioned in Matthew 25:34-40. We have found great satisfaction and learned a lot about ourselves while helping those in need. This project has also reignited our passion and purpose for the arts and continues to teach us about unconditional and sacrificial love.” The mission of Faces of Santa Ana is to lovingly engage our neighbors without homes through art and creativity. We make it a priority to get to know each of our clients. We listen and tell their stories, meet them in their communities, and establish a healthy level of trust. We do this by befriending individuals who are experiencing homelessness, painting, and selling their portraits so that we can contribute to their life necessities. The subject receives 50% of the proceeds in what we call their “Love Account”. We manage the money for them by asking, “How can we help you with the proceeds from your painting?”.
- ***Homeless Perspectives: An Insider’s View of the Homeless Crisis in Orange County.*** Tim Houchen – <http://homelessperspective.com/>  
**Tim Houchen was homeless and living at the Santa Ana Civic Center between 2011 and 2015.** He began advocating for the homeless community there while he was still homeless as a founding member of the infamous **Civic Center Roundtable**. The “grass roots” organization was composed of homeless individuals living at the civic center and Houchen was elected to serve as the group’s first official spokesman in 2014. Tim now lives in the City of Anaheim where he serves as a **Commissioner of Housing and Community Development**. Tim is also a member of the Orange County Continuum of Care and serves as **Co-Chairman of the Homeless Providers Forum**. He founded the nonprofit, [Hope 4 Restoration](#), in 2017 and serves as **Executive Director** of the organization. Houchen created this site as a vehicle to share his knowledge, information and most of all, his *experience* which allows him to view the current homeless crisis in Orange County from a different and very unique perspective, a **“Homeless Perspective.”**

## RESOURCES ON HOMELESSNESS

### DOCUMENTARIES / FILMS

#### **City of Angels NBC Dateline**

On any given night in America, half a million people are homeless. A quarter of them are in California; a startling 55,000 in Los Angeles alone – the City of Angels. This special Dateline NBC hour looks at the homeless crisis in L.A., explores how we got here, and shines a light on some of the heroes taking strides to fix this intractable problem.

Available online at <https://vimeo.com/286619536>.

2018

42 minutes

#### **On the Streets**

“On the Streets” is a 12-part video series and 72-minute narrative documentary about homelessness in Los Angeles. Journalist and filmmaker Lisa Biagiotti tackles this complex issue by putting faces to the statistics. She starts by following the L.A. Times' homeless data map setting out to have conversations with people who do not have homes. Since October, Biagiotti has been learning about their varied experiences and connecting their stories to larger issues. Along the way, she gains input and insights from Angelenos. The series concept is to build a dynamic documentary scene-by-scene with the audience. To watch individual episodes, go online to <http://www.latimes.com/onthestreets>.

2016

1 hour 12 minutes

#### **Skid-River Documentary**

Filmed by Eric Fober. <http://www.skid-river.com/>

Trailer #1 Plight of the Santa Ana Riverbed Homeless

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0mgcO6HWIE>

Trailer #2 Follows the events of the eviction of the Santa Ana Riverbed in Orange County,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRRLfmwHhY8>

Trailer #1

2018 3 minutes 25 seconds

Trailer #2

2018 2 minutes 35 seconds

#### **12 Months**

An award-winning documentary about a Los Angeles man who rents his three-bedroom home for \$1 per month to help a family - he has never met - get on their feet. Told through the eyes of Felicia Dukes and her four children, the project puts a personal face on homelessness and encourages individuals to take personal responsibility for helping address societal concerns.

Available at Amazon.com

2018

1 hour 4 minutes

#### **The Public**

Emilio Estevez revolves around the library patrons, many of whom are homeless, mentally ill and marginalized, as well as an exhausted and overwhelmed staff of librarians who often build emotional connections and a sense of obligation to care for those regular patrons. At odds with library officials over how to handle the extreme weather event, the Patrons turn the building into a homeless shelter for the night by staging an "Occupy" sit in. What begins as an act of civil disobedience becomes a stand-off with police and a rush-to-judgment, with media constantly speculating about what's really happening. This David versus Goliath story tackles some of our nation's most challenging issues, homelessness and mental illness, and sets the drama inside one of the last bastions of democracy-in-action: your public library.

Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HF2NOF3EkgE>

2 minutes 25 seconds

Theatrical Release Date: April 5, 2019

2 hours 2 minutes

## RESOURCES ON HOMELESSNESS - BOOKS

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

#### **A Shelter in our Car**

Story by Monica Gunning (Author). Illustrations by Elaine Pedlar  
San Francisco, Children's Book Press, 2004. 31 pages.

Zettie and her Mama left their warm and comfortable home in Jamaica for an uncertain and sometimes frightening life in the United States. With Papa gone, Mama can't find a steady job that will sustain them and so they are forced to live in their car. But Mama's unwavering love, support, and gutsy determination give Zettie confidence that together, she and her mother can meet all challenges. Monica Gunning's moving and authentic story about homelessness in an American city are about the real lives of the people it affects.

#### **Still a Family: A Story about Homelessness**

by Brenda Reeves Sturgis (Author), Jo-Shin Lee (Illustrator), 2017. 32 pages.

A little girl and her parents have lost their home and must live in a homeless shelter. Even worse, due to a common shelter policy, her dad must live in a men's shelter, separated from her and her mom. Despite these circumstances, the family still finds time to be together. They meet at the park to play hide-and-seek, slide on slides, and pet puppies. While the young girl wishes for better days when her family is together again under a roof of their very own, she continues to remind herself that they're still a family even in times of separation.

### MEMOIRS

#### **Tell Them Who I Am. The Lives of Homeless Women** by Elliott Liebow, 1995. 250 pages.

A moving and illuminating study of women living in homeless shelters. Anthropologist Liebow (Catholic University of America) is the author of *Talley's Corner* (1967), a study of black street-corner life that's still read by college students. Here, he uses the same participant-observer technique, acting as a volunteer in shelters around Washington, D.C., and as a recorder of homeless women's lives and feelings. In most cases, he tells us, women are turned out of shelters at 7:00 a.m. and are not allowed to return until 12 hours later. Some roam the streets all day, killing time. Some have only an hour or so before they're due at jobs that usually pay them too little to live on, let alone save for housing. Others spend their days traveling from one social- service agency to another in search of housing subsidies, food stamps, job leads, or training opportunities. Some homeless women are bright and educated, others are mildly handicapped, physically or mentally, but able to function in society. Still others are mentally and emotionally disturbed but--or so Liebow believes--no more so than most people would be living under the same stresses. The women are able to deal best with their disorganized and difficult lives in shelters that provide beds, food, laundry, and bathing facilities, as well as a nonjudgmental atmosphere. Each woman Liebow questions has a different story to tell about why she's homeless--many have been laid off from jobs and lost their apartments or homes, some had husbands who deserted them or kicked them out. Particularly eye-opening is a chapter on the fear that plagues not only the women who are served by the shelters but the women who serve them.

A thoughtful and informative inside-look at homelessness, supporting Liebow's conclusion that "homeless people are homeless because they do not have a place to live."

#### **The Concrete Killing Fields: One woman's battle to break the cycle of homelessness**

Pat Morgan, 2014. 400 pages.

*The Concrete Killing Fields* has won five national book awards in four different categories.

A blend of memoir, social advocacy, and stories about homeless men in Memphis, Tennessee, *The Concrete Killing Fields* is at once deeply personal and broadly drawn. Perhaps most compelling, Morgan doesn't hold back about the frustrations of working not just with the system, but with the homeless themselves.



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The author even proposes a “Twelve Steps for Do-Gooders” based on the model followed by Alcoholics Anonymous. This powerful document, delivered with concision, artfully describes the difficult balance that many advocates and social workers must strike in order to be truly helpful. In step four, for example, she writes, “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself and the ‘help’ I was trying to provide to others, often rendered unrecognizable because of my frustration and anger at the very people I wanted so much to help.” Where the book shines the brightest is in Morgan’s descriptions of those very individuals.” —Excerpt: Foreword Book Reviews 5-Star Review.

### **My Way Home: Growing up Homeless in America**

A Memoir. Michael Gaulden.

Salt Lake City, WiDo Publishing, 2017. 263 pages. Website: [michaelgaulden.com](http://michaelgaulden.com)

His life was barely worth a dollar. He slept outside, on park benches, in stairwells, under bushes. Michael lived in shelter after shelter across the United States. With his father incarcerated and his mother disabled, he stayed homeless for ten years. From the age of seven to seventeen, Michael, with his mother and sister, journeyed along his own underground railroad, desperately searching for a way to free his family from the sewers of society. Michael learned death was a big part of youth homelessness. Education was not. To survive, he had to become something more. Caught in between two worlds – his dreams and reality – violence, gangsters, hunger, poverty, and sorrow marked his daily life. Michael vowed to change his fate through getting his high school diploma. He never hoped to dream that not only would he graduate from high school but also a prestigious California university. This is the true story of a homeless boy, marked for prison or worse, who fought against tremendous odds and persevered to achieve and professional success.

### **NON-FICTION**

**Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City** Matthew Desmond, 2017. 448 pages.

In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

### **Housing First: Ending Homelessness, Transforming Systems, and Changing Lives**

Deborah Padgett and Benjamin Henwood, 2015. 248 pages.

The “Housing First” philosophy, proven to be the most effective way to reduce homelessness, is explored. Highly readable yet informative and scholarly, this book addresses wider issues of innovation and systems change in social and human services

### **Homelessness and Street Crime (Current Controversies)**

Edited by Peter Schauer.

Greenhaven Publishing, 2018. 236 pages.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are without a home, sleeping on streets or in temporary shelters. Nearly one-fifth of homeless Americans suffer from an untreated mental illness. Due in part to reductions in state and city budgets, many who need assistance are left to live on the street. One natural byproduct of a life on the street is criminal behavior, as adaptation to illegal acts becomes a matter of survival. Could ending homelessness reduce crime? What are ways in which that could be achieved, and whose responsibility is it? Are the homeless being unfairly blamed for street crime? This volume offers a close examination of the issue from a variety of viewpoints.

Includes an essay by the Orange County Register writers Theresa Walker and Jordan Graham: *Santa Ana Sees the Direct Correlation Between Homelessness and Crime*, p. 169-177.

## OUR VOICES OF FAITH

### *Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness* (PNTEH)

Each day, thousands of individuals, youth, and families in the United States wake up without a place to call home. Affordable housing is at risk, and in some communities is non-existent. Youth (under 20) are left to live on the streets or in shelters. Families are forced out of their homes, with limited or no resources to provide a roof for shelter.

The Bible calls us to shelter the homeless and feed those who are hungry. Many Presbyterian congregations are making a difference in the lives of others, through advocating for affordable housing, supporting housing first shelters and transitional housing, and participating in social service programs.

The preceding has been adapted from the *Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness* (PNTEH)—a national organization of Presbyterians focusing on ending homelessness in the United States. Their website and Facebook page contain resources, ideas, stories and various ways congregations can connect with others to end homelessness.

**Website:** <http://www.pnteh.net/>

## SYNOPSIS

**Learn!** Learn what the needs are in your community by putting your boots on the ground, and sampling from the *Buffet of Educational Experiences* – <http://irvineforeveryone.org/bee>

### **QUESTION: HOW CAN WE END HOMELESSNESS?**

**We want to think strategically and missionally. Form a Group or Join one! Investigate. Take Action!**

- **Take advantage of the many Experiences** we are offering this Winter and Spring to be with those who are homeless – find out their hopes and dreams; walk with them along their journey. Listen to their stories; share your own.
- **Talk to your neighbors.** What do they think about homeless people and homelessness? Invite them to join you on an Experience. Get informed and aware of nimby-ism.
- **Become a champion for housing.** Advocate for housing for all. Contact your elected officials and find out what they are doing to end homelessness in your community(ies).
- **Research the availability of affordable housing** in your community(ies).
- **Begin something new that fits you and meets local needs, but do not reinvent the wheel!** Congregations are exploring ways to provide affordable housing, and many are partnering with existing programs to strengthen/promote housing opportunities.

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