

An invitation to

**A
Shared Way
of Life.**

Settled.

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Welcome.

**God has invited all of us into
a journey of healing, hope,
and restoration.**

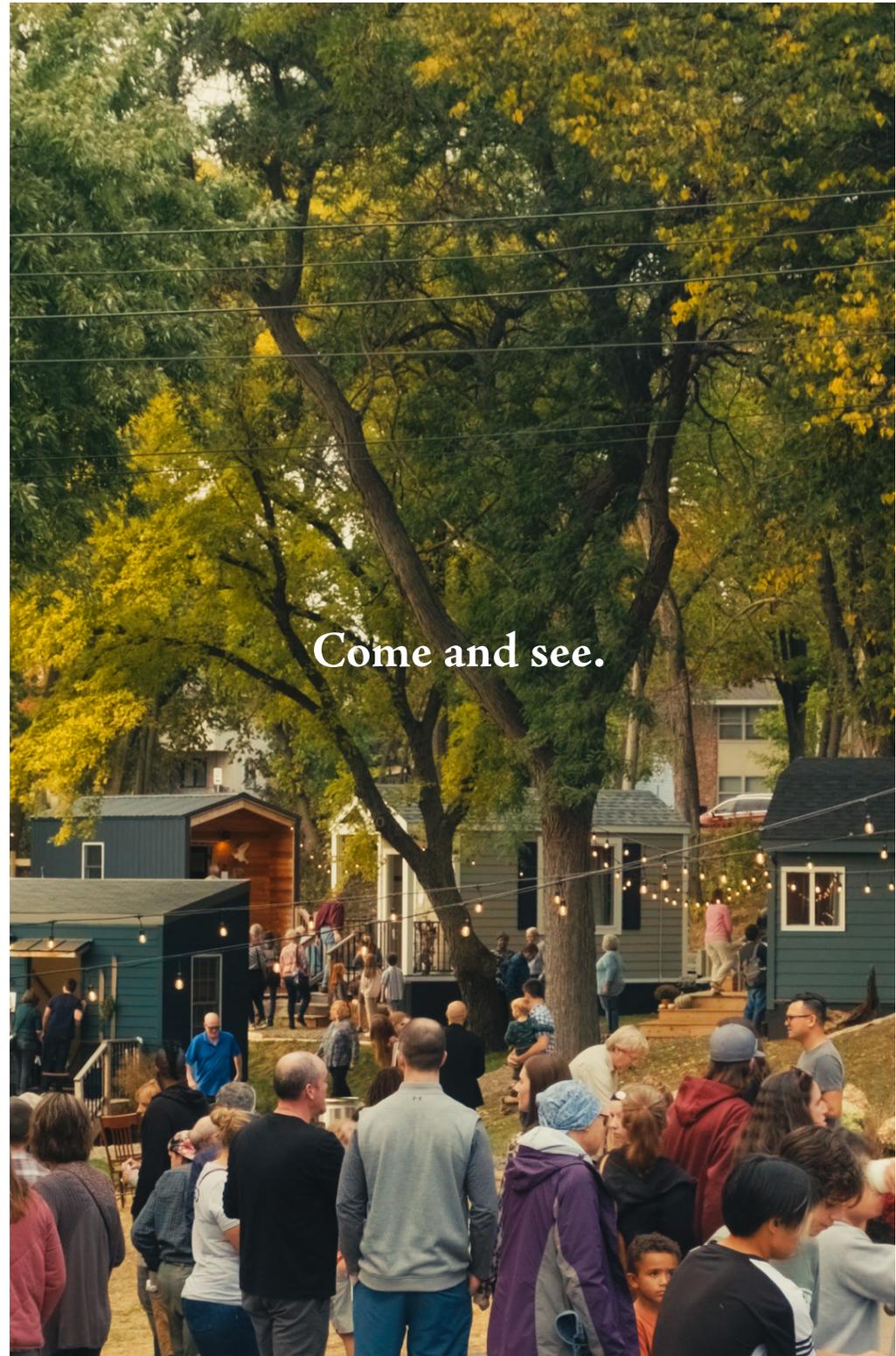
Although there are many ways people and churches can participate in God's work, ours is intent on discovering the depth of relational love between the church and society's outcasts. This work is just a slice of God's larger redemptive story, but it's a chapter of the story we're honored to help tell.

Thank you for sharing the journey with us.

We are collectively seeking God's heart and shouldering the responsibility together through a Shared Way of Life. We are committed to approaching this with curiosity and implementation.

This Shared Way of Life is not meant to replace church or denominational missions, statements of faith, or theological positions. It is instead meant as an invitation into an intentional, redemptive lifestyle alongside the poor.

Come and see.





Our hope.

We envision a future where the Church lives in Full Community with their homeless neighbors by modeling healthy relationships, purposeful work, and meaningful abundance, cultivating rooted places where everyone has something to give and something to receive.



Our work.

**We are on mission to cultivate home
in a homeless world.**

**We believe God has an answer to homelessness. He places
the lonely in families and equips His people with sorrow-
conquering love.**

Our beliefs.

We believe God the Father, through Jesus our King, has invited us into a Kingdom designed to loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke.





Our beliefs.

We believe His Holy Spirit enables us to share our bread with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into our houses, cover the naked, and not hide from our own family.

Our beliefs.

We believe God guides us continually, satisfies our needs in parched places, and makes our bones strong, so we may be a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Based on Isaiah 58:6, 7, 11 (read in your preferred translation)



Our model.

Our redemptive, research-based, and Biblically-grounded model for cultivating home in a homeless world is called Full Community.

A Sacred Settlement, rooted in the Full Community Model, is an intentional, permanent tiny home community owned and operated by a local church on their land, designed to address long-term homelessness.

Here's how the five elements of the Full Community are expressed at a Sacred Settlement:



Intentional Neighbors.

People of faith who can be individuals, couples, or families, not formerly homeless themselves, who feel called to voluntarily live alongside the formerly homeless and step into the role of family. At least one-third of homes at a Sacred Settlement are reserved for Intentional Neighbors.



Permanent Homes.

Small, quality homes built and funded by the community where neighbors are welcomed to stay for as long as they wish, growing deep roots and relationships while contributing to the community.



Cultivated Places.

Carefully adapted church land and buildings - protected under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act - that create safe, clean, and beautiful spaces for the community to grow together.



Purposeful Work.

Opportunities for engagement in skill-matched labor so neighbors can rediscover their gifts, talents, and abilities and contribute to their community.



Supportive Friends.

Volunteers who love their neighbors by building trusted relationships, walking alongside them as they journey to meet their life goals, and connecting them with valuable support services.

Our practices.

We stand at the crossroads and look, we ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, so we may walk in it and find rest for our souls. - Jeremiah 6:16



Our practices.

With our time, skills, resources,
creativity, and influence:

In a world of anxiety, busyness, and hurry,

We practice **rest** *to restore* **communion with God.**

In a world that often presents cheap, fake, and superficial options,

We practice **authenticity** *to restore* **truth.**

In a world where waste, convenience, and consumerism are the norm,

We practice **homemaking** *to restore* **home.**

In a world of scarcity, strings attached, and greed,

We practice **sharing** *to restore* **gratitude.**

In a world where otherness, hatred, and isolation are rampant,

We practice **hospitality** *to restore* **belonging.**

In a world of individualism, selfishness and self-preservation,

We practice **devotion** *to restore* **love.**

In a world of offense, unforgiveness, and conflict,

We practice **peacemaking** *to restore* **unity.**

In a world of fear, self-reliance, and control,

We practice **surrender** *to restore* **faith.**



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