

WAYS TO HELP



HOW CAN I HELP?

In response to the recent urgent needs of immigrant neighbors, our church has shown God's love by providing crisis relief funds to local partners and close organizations whose communities have been greatly impacted, as well as donating food and other essential items to them. We invite the church now to provide ongoing Christian presence as families rebuild trust, recover financially, and heal from trauma. This is not just a moment to respond - it is a call to walk alongside neighbors long after the headlines fade.

Below is a list of opportunities we have gathered of ways to remain standing with our neighbors, which includes resourcing immigrant families, building relationships, and providing support services.

CRISIS RELIEF FUND

At CPC, we have a dedicated fund called the Crisis Relief Fund, which exists to provide special financial support to organizations during times of critical need. In the past, this fund has been used to respond to situations such as hurricane and earthquake relief, support for Ukraine, and recovery efforts following the California wildfires. We are now seeing similar levels of need within our own city, as recent events related to immigration enforcement have deeply affected many individuals and families in our community. For those who are able, giving to the Crisis Relief Fund is one tangible way to get involved.

WAYS TO SERVE

ARRIVE MINISTRIES

Arrive Ministries provides essential services & assistance to refugees and immigrants to advance self-sufficiency.

Good Neighbor Team

39 Families are on a waitlist for volunteers who will walk alongside and support them as friends through Good Neighbor Teams in the weeks and months ahead. CPC is hosting a session for people to learn more about what it means to serve on a Good Neighbor Team on Thursday, March 26 from 6:00-7:00PM. If you are unable to attend this session and would like to learn more, please reach out to missions@cpcpedina.org.

REGISTER FOR INFO SESSION

Arrive Ministries has supported over 150 families with essential groceries and supplies, and they have an ongoing need for hygiene items. The staff at Arrive has created this Amazon wishlist. Purchasing through this link will give you the option to have items delivered directly to their offices. If you'd like to donate similar items you have purchased in store, you can mark and drop any donations off at CPC on the table outside of the main office.

AMAZON WISHLIST

URBAN VENTURES

Urban Ventures provides support for youth & families in Minneapolis.

Volunteer to Deliver Grocery & Supply Packs

Urban Ventures is currently serving more than 130 households with essential grocery and supply packs. They are looking for volunteers to help with deliveries on Monday afternoons and Friday late mornings. Volunteers must use their own vehicle and be comfortable carrying boxes up to 20 pounds.

After packing your boxes, you can deliver them directly to Urban Ventures for distribution. Questions? Contact missions@cpcedina.org

Source and Pack Food Boxes

Gather friends to source items and pack complete boxes of food for families. This combination of items is designed to last a family up to 10 days.

INFO ABOUT FOOD BOXES

Serve as a Volunteer Coordinator

Urban Ventures is seeking a volunteer to act as a Volunteer Coordinator to support their team in organizing community support efforts. Commitment would be 10 hours per week.

Bless Their Staff with a Meal

You can support the Urban Ventures team by blessing their team with lunch for their 60 staff members. Meals may be prepared personally or ordered. If ordering, consider ordering from local Lake Street businesses, another way to support our neighbors. Recommended restaurants include Marsu Pizza, Pollo Movil, and Pinedas Tacos Plus. If you are interested, please contact missions@cpcedina.org to coordinate a day.

ECO CHURCH IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS

CPC is connected with a Minneapolis Presbyterian church that has been walking closely with 24 Ecuadorian families who worship at a Spanish Speaking Church hosted in their building.

Handwritten Letters

Write notes of encouragement and hope that would be included along with the food and hygiene deliveries they receive. The notes do not need to be written in Spanish, but if they are, these brothers and sisters in Christ will be especially uplifted. Letters can be dropped off at the Main Office or given directly to a CPC staff member.

Volunteer

Meet and nurture an on-going relationship with a family to support them as friends in the weeks and months ahead. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email missions@cpcedina.org.

Spanish Book Drive

This ECO church is collecting Spanish-language books to distribute to families who attend the Ecuadorian Church. In recent months, many families have experienced deep loneliness due to fear of leaving their homes. Providing books will offer a meaningful source of comfort, learning, and entertainment.

The collection is focused primarily on children's books, though books for adults are also welcome. Coloring books and crayons are encouraged as well. Donations can be dropped off at the Missions Department in CPC's Main Office.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

CES is a food shelf that fosters community among neighbors in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis.

Host a Food Drive for CES

You can support CES by hosting a food drive within your neighborhood, school, workplace, or personal networks. There is an ongoing need to keep shelves stocked as more neighbors seek assistance. Donation drop-off: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. No appointment needed. Questions? Contact Nicole Smalley at nsmalley@cesm.org.

The 65+ Sunday Community is hosting a food drive throughout the month of March. If you would like to add items to their collection, please mark and drop any donations off to the Main Office by March 31st.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

CES is seeking volunteers to commit to a regular meal delivery schedule on weekdays from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Commitments may be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or flexible, depending on availability. Learn more and sign up at the link provided.

[VOLUNTEER WITH CES](#)

VEAP

VEAP is the Twin Cities' largest food pantry, providing access to healthy foods, social services, and financial assistance.

[DONATE FUNDS](#)

Donate Items

These items are always in high demand: Shelf-stable food like pasta & sauce, canned fruits & vegetables, canned protein, dry beans, rice, and soup; and household & personal items such as toilet paper, hand soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, and menstrual products. Drop-off location: VEAP Building, Door 4 (9600 Aldrich Avenue South, Bloomington)

Volunteer

Various volunteer opportunities are available on Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm. You can directly contact VEAP's Volunteer Department for information at volunteerdept@veap.org or 952-955-8323.

[READ MORE ABOUT VOUNTEERING](#)

TRANSFORM MINNESOTA

Where Church leaders engage complex issues from a biblical perspective.

Food Delivery

Volunteers are needed to help deliver food to local immigrant churches. If you are interested, please email Brie Brown, Program Coordinator, at Brie@transformmn.org, and she will connect you with immigrant church partners across the metro area and in Rochester.

DIOS HABLA HOY (DHH) CHURCH

DHH is a bilingual church in south Minneapolis and has a community outreach effort to provide food and urgent assistance to families in need.

Donations

DHH is now collecting only monetary gifts and select household and hygiene items. [LIST OF ITEMS](#). Drop off on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00AM – 4:00PM at DHH church: 5728 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis

Volunteer

An opportunity to volunteer with DHH includes packing food, which takes place on Mondays-Fridays from 9:30AM-12:30PM at The Food Group, 8501 54th Ave North, New Hope, MN 55428. Another opportunity to volunteer is delivering food.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

LEGAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE LIST

We are maintaining a list of individuals and firms willing to serve as a resource for those seeking legal assistance, including both paid and pro-bono options. If you are an immigration attorney, or know one who would like to be included, please email missions@cpcedina.org.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE LIST

We are maintaining a list of individuals and practices willing to serve as a resource for those seeking mental health services, including both paid and pro-bono options. If you are a licensed counselor or therapist, or know one who would like to be included, please email missions@cpcedina.org.

SPANISH SPEAKERS RESOURCE LIST

We are keeping a list of individuals who are bilingual in Spanish and interested in using their language skills to assist as translators for various opportunities. If you would like to be included, please email missions@cpcedina.org

WAYS TO PRAY

*God who is near to the brokenhearted,
we come to You with heavy hearts.
We grieve the brokenness in our city
and lament the fear, violence, and uncertainty our neighbors are facing.
We bring our honest emotions before You.*

*Jesus, You move toward suffering, not away from it.
Teach us to slow down, to see, and to love our neighbors well.
Form us as a people marked by Christlikeness,
resisting dehumanization, choosing peace, and pursuing the good of our city.*

*Holy Spirit, guide us as a church.
Show us how to listen, love, pray, and act with humility.
Even here, even now, Christ is our hope.
Amen.*

QUESTIONS?

CPC remains committed to staying in close communication with our mission partners as needs continue to unfold. If you have questions, please reach out to Katie Olson, Director of Missions, at katieo@cpcedina.org.