



**DOROTHY DAY
TAMPA**

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Mission

Recruit and train volunteers in the Catholic Worker tradition, which recognizes the dignity of each person, provides relief, hospitality and housing assistance to homeless men and women in the Tampa area.

VOLUNTEERS PROFILE: HYDE PARK METHODIST CHURCH

Hyde Park Methodist Church (HPUM): Every fourth Sunday is Dorothy Day Sunday at Tampa's Open Arms Feeding. 100+ food and resources insecure guests are blessed with a hot breakfast (**Metropolitan Ministries Provision**) along with a variety of other services, served with dignity and respect.

We are blessed to have six volunteers who enjoy starting their Sunday serving others.

1/22/2023: Licia and Larry Rothfuss, along with a team of 20 + volunteers assembled at ministry partner Hyde Park's south Tampa campus from 7-9 AM to love on our neighbors. Imagine joining us for Dorothy Day Sunday 2/26/2023...



DOROTHY DAY TAMPA STUDY GROUPS

We started our fifth group on 11 January. Thanks to the promotion of our event by The Catholic Worker – www.catholicworker.org, we have attendees from across the US.

20 attendees started our first session. All are grateful and intrigued to explore comforting the afflicted, afflicting the comfortable.

If you are asking, "What am I being summoned to do?" We welcome you to explore joining us. Our sixth virtual group, beginning 5 April 2023, is forming. To register, go to <https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/get-engaged>



A Dorothy Day QR code helps our Tampa homeless neighbors access highest demand community resources. <https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/resources>

We ordered 5,000 more cards to meet the increasing demand. This represents a 'transfer of power' – vital resource information is now in the hands and phones of both the resources consumer, the people who need it the most, and their support network.



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PARTNER MINISTRY PROFILE: BREADCOIN TAMPA

Breadcoin Tampa - bringing the community around a common table. www.breadcoin.org

Can a food token - a community gift certificate, help transform Tampa?

Breadcoin Tampa was officially launched 2/1/2023 at the Portico Café, our first food vendor. Breadcoin is a community food token that provides a meal to those in need, with the dignity of choice about when and where to eat. It is an innovative economic tool that connects the community, feeds our neighbors with dignity, and supports local businesses. Each Breadcoin is valued at \$2.50 and redeemed at participating locations.

The coins are put into circulation when an individual or organization purchases them (1) to use themselves to destigmatize hunger, (2) to create a mobile food event to make sure everyone is included at the table, or (3) to give to a family or individual so they can choose when and where to get a prepared meal. - *Ann M. Doyle, MA, MBA – co-founder*



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DOROTHY DAY TAMPA - MISSING RESOURCES:

Ministry opening location - centrally located storefront, building, 3+ bedroom home, unused church building, vacant lot, distressed property of any kind to be rehabbed by Dorothy Day Tampa volunteers. In His name we pray.

Prayer support - His perfect will for Dorothy Day Tampa be done.

10 study group participants - 4/5/2023 six-week virtual study group. \$150 to purchase ten study books.

Donations - for phase 2 media services and website updates - \$5,000 or more.

Volunteers (six) - interested in helping staff serve t Open Arms Sunday guests – flex scheduling.

*"[T]he only solution is love and that loves comes with community.
It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on."*

– Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*