

DOROTHY DAY TAMPA | IN DEVELOPMENT – *radical hospitality*

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Servant of God Dorothy Day

Vision - "Make the kind of society where it is easier to be good." – Peter Maurin
Mission - Mobilize and train Catholic Workers to live the Gospel courageously and aid the poor *differently*.

Core Values - "The Sermon on the Mount is our Christian manifesto" – Dorothy Day
Ministry Overview: www.catholicworker.org

Dorothy Day Tampa – officially in development!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

We are grateful for a 3/9/2022 decision to proceed with developing Phase One of Dorothy Day Tampa (DDT). The group consensus: start with a homeless drop-in center and build our ministry from there. We plan on replicating best practices of Minneapolis, MN's Peace House Community (PHC) www.peacehousecommunity.org.



Peace House Community | Minneapolis, MN

PHC was founded in 1985 by a Catholic nun, Sr. Rose Tillemans, who previously operated a free store, but wanted something more *intentionally relational* for her guests, as well as volunteers to serve them.

From Peace House Community:

Vision: Community members who have been wounded by economic and social dislocation will be healed through caring relationships in a supportive community.

Mission: PHC nourishes its members' bodies and souls by providing a safe space for economically marginalized women and men. PHC enriches the lives of its members, volunteers and students by offering a place to belong for everyone who comes through its doors.

Guiding Principles: The following guiding principles enable us to create an atmosphere of cooperation and fairness:

- Ensure all voices are given an opportunity to express themselves.
- Respect the diversity of opinions and experiences in the community.
- Listen to other people with a mind that is open to wisdom from all sources.
- Practice non-violence through self-restraint, encouraging words, compassionate actions and respectful listening.
- Accept difficult situations with grace and serenity as we work towards conflict resolution.

Why start with a hospitality model?

"Offering a house of hospitality is a logical starting place and first step in offering DDT services." - Ann Doyle

"Tampa has a single homeless drop-in center located in Seminole Heights. Provision for a second drop-in center helps address the stress, instability, and isolation of homelessness and poverty." - Michael Doyle

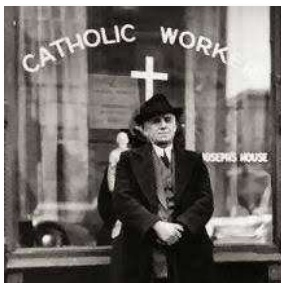
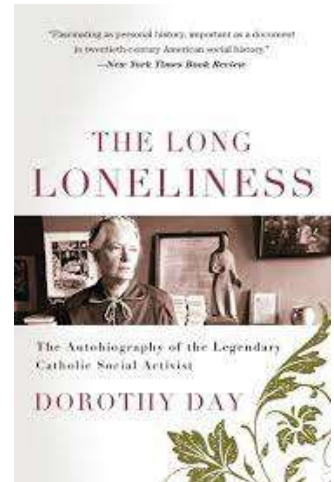
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Come and journey. We invite those interested to join us at the initiative's ground floor for our second six-week virtual study of Dorothy Day's autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*. We will introduce and explore Dorothy Day's model of hospitality, as we assemble a development team and begin a two-year ministry development process to create a fully functional DDT. We plan to continue the study groups to nurture attendees – vision carriers to develop DDT.

"There are two ways to look at your life – the Well-Planned life vs the Summoned life." – David Brooks, *The Summoned Life*

If you are a person leading a *Summoned Life* and asking, **"What are my circumstances asking me to do?"** we welcome you to explore joining and journeying in faith with us. **Our next study group, starting April 6th 2022, is forming.** For details, please contact Michael 813-466-9166 (cell).



"I want a change, and a radical change. I want a change from an acquisitive society to a functional society, from a society of go-getters to a society of go-givers." – Peter Maurin, Catholic Worker Founder, 1933

"My life looks very different than Day's did, but her witness continues to prod me out of the deep ruts in today's political and ideological discourse. Her daily, radical faithfulness dares me to imagine a world made new." - Tish Warren, *The New York Times*

If replicating Dorothy Day's radical hospitality, in service to our most underserved Tampa neighbors, resonates with you as an undertaking deserving your support, we welcome your *"ground floor"* financial help at any level.

"It takes energy to sustain the broken connection within us; splitting our lives from our values. We want to address injustice but stay silent while the environment is ravaged and families sleep in the streets. When we shrink from the world, our souls shrink, too." – Paul Rogat Loeb, *Soul of a Citizen*

Missing resources:

- **Prayer support**
- **Study group participants** for six-week studies.
- **Seed money** for start-up media services and legal services.
- **Ministry location** – storefront, building, 3+ bedroom home, unused church building, distressed property of any kind to be rehabbed.

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

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P.S. *We cannot do this without your support!*

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