

Welcome to MICAH's Dakota County Housing Virtual Bus Tour!

Tour Guides: Sue Watlov Phillips, Ex. Director, MICAH
John Slade, Organizer, MICAH

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Welcome and Faith Reflection

- Pat Eveslage, Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville
- Faith Reflection: Pastor Pete Benedict, River Heights Vineyard Church, Inver Grove Heights
- MICAH Overview: Jerry Daily, All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville

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Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing



**MICAH lives out the prophetic vision that calls us
"to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God."
(Micah 6:8).**

**MICAH envisions a metropolitan area where everyone
without exception has a safe, decent, accessible, and
affordable home.**



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Rules of the Bus

- Our meeting is being recorded so others can review it later.
- Please stay muted until you are called on.
- Raise your hand physically or in the participants menu or in the chat for question.
- If at any point the audio or video presentation seems choppy, try turning off your camera feed.
- No spitballs!

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Are you ready?

Let's get on board!

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Presenter: Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Resources at Dakota County



Dakota County is 587 square miles in area and has a population of about 425,000. Situated in the southeast corner of the Twin Cities Metropolitan area, it is the third-most populous county in the state of Minnesota.

Dakota County maintains a land use mixture of 1/3 urban, 1/3 suburban and 1/3 rural. This combination of land use and the confluence of two major rivers (the Mississippi and Minnesota) that form the county's northern and eastern borders makes Dakota County a unique geographic area.

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Dakota County Human Services

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/PublicAssistance/Housing>

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Presenter: Amber Hanson, Housing & Homeless Outreach Director

Our Mission at Ally is to fight to end homelessness by providing optimal client centered support, advocacy, and safe, affordable housing to homeless adults with severe housing barriers in Minnesota.



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Ally Supportive Services, LLC

<https://www.allyservices.net/>

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Presenter:

Stephanie Plaster, MSW, LGSW - The Link,
CORE Program Manager

C.O.R.E. (Community, Outreach, Resources and Engagement) Drop In Center provides a place where youth who are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness can get help with basic needs (food, clothes, shower, laundry, etc.) and connections to case management and longer term services such as housing.

Presenter:

Jesse Mamaril - Host Homes, Youth
Program Manager | YMCA Youth and
Family Services

Working Together to Transform Lives!

The YMCA Host Homes program matches teens and young adults (ages 16-24), who are unstably housed or at risk of losing their housing with a caring and supportive host family.

Host families are volunteers from the community who willingly offer a room in their home to provide safe, short-term housing and support to young people as they work toward gaining stability and becoming independent.

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to The Link

<https://thelinkmn.org/programs/housing-services-division/core/>

& Host Homes | YMCA Youth and Family Services

https://www.ymcanorth.org/how_we_help/help_kids_thrive/youth_and_family_services

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Presenter:

Pastor Peter Benedict, River Heights Vineyard Church



River Heights Vineyard's purpose is to love God, love people, and change the world. Our community is a place to experience God's love, and His love changes everything!

Presenter:

Nancy Cashman, Cahill Place/Center City Housing, Executive Director



Affordable housing isn't a place to live. It's a place where life can start moving forward. Center City Housing develops, owns and manages affordable housing properties for those most in need. But in truth, we're here to help people move on with their lives.

With our support, people in Duluth and around Minnesota are able to find access to stable housing and affordable rent. But we do more than put a roof over their heads, we link them to services that will help them find stability in life

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River Heights Vineyard Church

<https://www.riverheightsvineyard.org>

Center City Housing

<http://centercityhousing.org/housing/>

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Our Mission:
To improve the lives of Dakota County residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing and community development.

Presenter:
Tony Schertler, Executive Director



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Dakota County CDA

<https://www.dakotacda.org/>

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Updates on Federal and State Legislation

Sue Watlov Phillips, MICAH Executive Director,
Board President of National Coalition of the
Homeless

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Closing Prayer:

Pastor Pete Benedict,
Inver Grove Heights



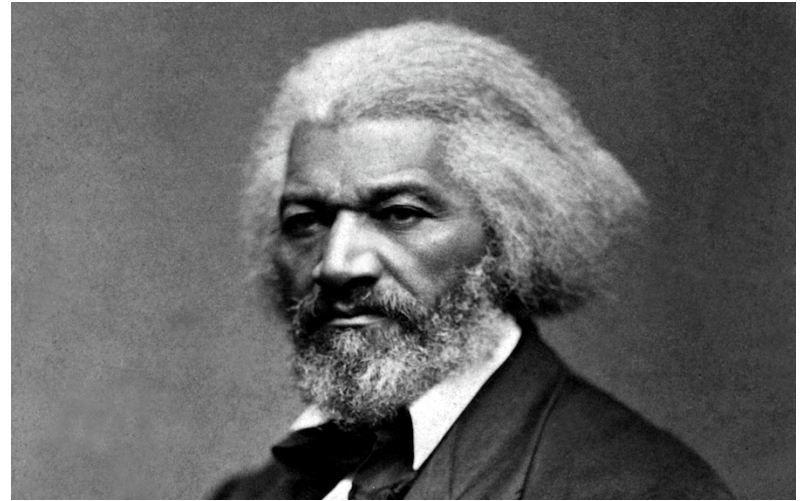
Peter has served on the RHV staff since 2000. He's been leading our staff since 2015. His undergraduate degrees are in English Teaching and Psychology, and he has completed Vineyard Leadership Institute, a two year distance program of academics, mentoring, and leadership.

He's been married to Erin since 1997, and they have twin girls and a son. In his spare time Peter enjoys reading, cooking, disc golf, and running. He's a passionate epicure, and if you call him the pastor geek, he will take it as a compliment.

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Faith in Action



The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this –
“**Power concedes nothing without a demand.**” We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.

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