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No one should live hungry and homeless

From Our Board President

AFTER A PRAYERFUL and extensive search, I am pleased to announce that God has led Central Union Mission's board of directors to select **Joseph J. Mettimano** to be the Mission's



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new executive director. We believe his proven leadership skills, non-profit experience and heart for the homeless and people of God make him uniquely qualified. In his role as director emeritus, retired executive director David Treadwell will serve as a special advisor as well as a continued resource and strong Mission supporter. Please join us in supporting Joe in your prayers as we work together so that no one in DC lives hungry and homeless.

Joe Mettimano To be New Mission Executive Director

WITH GRATEFULNESS, Central Union Mission introduces to our friends and supporters Joseph J. Mettimano, our new executive director. Joe Mettimano has the broad background of an executive experienced in non-profit management. His former work includes marketing, fundraising, advocacy, leadership and partner-building in organizations as familiar as Global Impact, The Pew Charitable Trust, Prison Fellowship, World Vision, UNICEF-USA and the Association for the Advancement of Science. Yet his modesty makes a first impression.

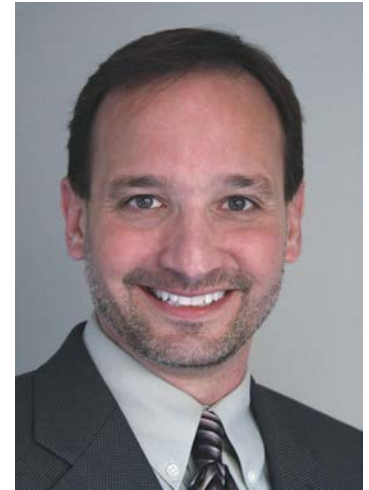
Joe recognized the call to serve at a young age and has spent his life and career helping people in need around the world. His work with the homeless has been a vital part of his life: for the past six years he

has served as a pastor on the streets in Washington, DC, where he preaches every Wednesday night and leads a weekly outreach with food distribution and a time of fellowship.

He is a committed follower of Jesus Christ and a licensed and commissioned pastor receiving formal ministerial ordination this summer. He serves as an elder and associate pastor at The Orchard Church (Arlington, VA). In addition to 28 years non-profit experience, he served causes as varied as global poverty, prisoners, malaria, child trafficking, land mines and the environment.

He has lived in the Washington, DC, area for the past 28 years and currently resides in Herndon, VA, with his wife Cam-Vien and daughter Ella.

According to Mission Board President Roy Wright, "We're excited



Joseph J. Mettimano will serve as Central Union Mission's executive director.

to see the energy and innovation that Joseph will bring to the Mission. With his leadership, we can continue strong in our nearly 135-year history helping poor people experiencing homeless in the nation's capital."

"I am grateful and honored to serve with such an amazing organization and group of people," responded Mettimano. "Washington is known as the hub of power, but it also is home to nearly 7,500 people living on the streets. With the help of our donors, volunteers and partners, I'm committed to changing this reality and showing the love of Christ to every person who walks through our doors." ■

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An Epidemic Of Excess



MORE THAN ANY COUNTRY in the world, the United States is known for its tendency toward excess. Research data compiled at *becomingminimalist.com* reveals:

1. There are 300,000 items in the average American home.
2. The average American throws away 65 pounds of clothing per year.
3. 25 percent of people with two-car garages don't actually have room to park cars inside them.

2 Corinthians 9:8 offers a clear perspective: "And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, in all things and at all times, having all you need, you may overflow in every kind of good work." Is God calling you to "give away" some excess in order to simplify your life and be a blessing to others?

Since being signed into law, the charitable IRA rollover has been a great tax planning strategy for donors "giving away" between \$100 and \$100,000. When you make a direct transfer from your IRA to a charity like Central Union Mission, the gift:

- Remains outside of your adjusted gross income
- Is tax-free
- Will impact lives for generations to come.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of **Transform Your Excess into Impact** by contacting Rev. Deborah Chambers at 202-827-3078, or dchambers@missiondc.org. Bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at www.christianwill.org/missiondc.

A Good Start

WHAT'S KEPT Central Union Mission the oldest operating social service organization in Washington, DC, is how God has helped it adapt to changing needs. We're glad Joseph J. Mettimano has agreed to help guide our efforts, and in my retirement, I will continue to serve the Mission as director emeritus.

Begun in 1884 to help Civil War veterans, the Mission was there during World War I and the Temperance Movement. It was a literal life-saver during the Great Depression. During World War II, Camp Bennett served as a working farm for German POWs. From the creation of spiritual programs during the riots of 1968 to the job training and technology education of today, the Mission is poised to fit the needs of the early 2020s with a new executive director.

Your prayers and support are instrumental in serving Joe and the Mission as together we help our community thrive and grow. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. ■

Blessings,

David Treadwell

*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6***

From the Director Emeritus



We're Connected

By H. Patricia Blackshire
For Life

FLYNN BURKE WAS BORN and raised in Washington, DC, and was referred to Central Union Mission at the suggestion of his pastor. Flynn had hit rock bottom and was spiraling out of control living on the streets of DC. In fact, his pastor found him—much to Flynn’s shock—in a crack house. Flynn says the pastor stated emphatically, “This is not how you spend your lunch hour.” He took Flynn out of there and led him to Central Union Mission.

Flynn’s downfall began after his mother passed away in 2003. He started experimenting with drugs that led to a life of crime. He tells that it took him a moment to get adjusted to his new environment at the Mission; he confessed that

he was not a ready convert. Initially, he spent a lot of time not communicating to other staff members. The love and support was so strong, however, that he eventually came out of his shell.

Seeking God’s Peace

As part of his Mission program, he spent six months at Camp Bennett Camp, in Brookeville, MD. Away from the city, the camp offered serenity. He says, “It was the first time in my life that I experienced ‘quiet time,’ as I was used to being in a constant chaotic environment.” He credits the spiritual teachings by the counselors and staff at Central Union Mission in bringing him closer to God. The Bible teachings were mind-altering and made him truly grasp that self-reflection was a meaningful way of assessing his past life and moving forward with Christ’s help.

One of the things that he learned was that spending six months in solitude gave him a chance to be honest with himself and to ask himself the questions that really scared him, like, “What am I doing with my life?” He began to read the Bible more, and his personality blossomed. Central Union Mission readied Flynn for a productive life outside of the men’s shelter, where he stayed from 2003-2007. After graduating from the Spiritual Transformation Program, he spent an extra year working at Central Union Mission to be certain that he had the tools to be successful.

Flynn is currently working as a bus driver in Washington, DC, employed for approximately ten years. He visits Central Union regularly and participates in a monthly Bible study class there. He is also involved in a ministry program at his own church.

Over a Decade on the Job

Flynn is engaging and friendly. He has a lot of pride and love for Central Union, and he speaks very highly about everyone involved in the program. He stays in touch with the many people that had an impact on his life, and he can impressively call out their names—even though he left over ten years ago! He also credits his daughter in beautiful, glowing terms, who he says believed in him from start to finish.

As a bus driver, he sometimes makes referrals to Central Union Mission. He shares what he learned from Central Union Mission to those he sees on the streets who are obviously struggling and in need of God. He says Central Union Mission changed his life and that he and the Mission are connected for life. ■

Mission volunteer writer H. Patricia Blackshire was a staff member for many years with Covington & Burling LLP. She recently ended her tenure to focus on her creative side, bead design and volunteering. Besides helping the Mission, she is a career and life skills mentor for Cardozo Education Campus students.

No Summer Break Here

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS don't get summer vacations. Every day, they struggle through the heat and thunderstorms out on the streets, risking hyperthermia and illness.

Central Union Mission provides cool air, hydration and nutritious food for needy neighbors every day, but August is a notoriously slow time for donations. Please remember our homeless neighbors at summer's end. Thanks so much for your compassion! ■



Photo by Robert Topa

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Taste of the Mission Donor Appreciation Event

September 20 and
November 2, 2018
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM and
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please come meet new Executive Director Joe Mettimano. Contact Rev. Deborah Chambers to RSVP at 202-534-9965.

Senior Fellowships

September 21 and
October 19, 2018
9:00 PM to 1:00 PM
September 28 and
October 26, 2018, in Spanish
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Volunteer to help us serve a nutritious lunch and visit with our seniors. Contact showard@missiondc.org to register.

Operation Christmas Miracle Registration

October 4 - 5, 2018
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteer at the Family Ministry Center to help parents sign up their children up to receive

Join Us!

Christmas gifts. Contact tduncan@missiondc.org to register.

Veteran's Day Program

November 12, 2018
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join Mission guests and program participants at a special program commemorating veterans. Contact Rev. Deborah Chambers to RSVP at 202-534-9965.



IN SEARCH OF

An extended cab truck for Right2Work participants for transport, landscaping and cleaning. If you have a truck to donate or sell at low cost, please contact Sally Cox at scox@missiondc.org.

Please register at missiondc.org/get-involved/volunteer to volunteer for an event.

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I want to help save a life this summer.

Please use my donation of:

- \$15 to feed, cool and care for 7 guests
- \$30 for 14 guests
- \$50 for 24 guests
- \$150 for 72 guests
- \$ _____ to help as many as possible

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