

Can we look beyond what the marketplace is willing to build, and build instead the housing that people actually need?



If we want a more compassionate community, then let's encourage those in leadership positions to pursue an affordable housing strategy that will build homes for all.

Here are some housing solutions and ideas that would help end homelessness in the CRD:

- Housing for rent at levels set within government housing benefits
- Low-rental housing
- Housing cooperatives
- Secondary suites
- Group homes with supports in place
- Rent to buy options
- Shared ownership arrangements
- Tax incentives for developers

Here's how you can support "homes for all" in the CRD:

1. Let your city council, MLA and MP know that you believe governments need to get back to building social housing. If the market place won't do it, they must.
2. When by-laws need to be changed in order to permit
  - secondary suites,
  - supportive group housing,
  - greater density, or ?

be a **WIMBY** (welcome in my backyard),  
not a **NIMBY** (not in my backyard).

3. Write letters to the editor or have conversations with your friends about the differences between shelters and homes. Explain your belief that everyone deserves a home and that shelters are not the answer.
4. Participate in our next STAND for homes for all. Go to our website for more information.



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Faith in Action asks

**What is a home?**



Home is where the heart is...

Relationship  
Acceptance  
Security  
Trust  
Support  
Privacy

All of these basic human needs and much more are nurtured in a healthy home.

**So, why are we still having conversations about...**



People living rough in downtown doorways and greenbelts?

Tent cities in parks or on private land?

Refugee camps for the homeless?

Barges or ferries anchored off the coast for people suffering from addictions and mental illness?

Shipping containers converted to temporary housing for large groups of homeless people?

An expanded shelter system with more shelters located outside of the downtown core?

*Are any of these homes?*

**Clearly, none** of these options provide the kind of care and respect that human beings need in order to thrive and become active participants in their community.

*Wet or dry,*

*With support services or without,*

*Temporary or long-term,*

None of these options bring homeless people any closer to feeling

**Welcome**

**Wanted**

**Worthy**



Whenever we consider any so-called "solution" to the homelessness crisis, let's also ask:

***What kind of community are we building?***

Faith in Action believes that

**HOMES for all**

should be our goal as only this solution provides

*diversity*  
*interdependence*  
*aging in place*  
*equality of rights & responsibilities*  
*dignity*  
*hope*

**Sustainable and affordable communities don't just happen; they are the result of the choices and decisions made by citizens and their elected representatives.**