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# Bridgeport Rescue Mission Volunteer Ministry

## Chapel Service Policy & Guidelines

**Facility/Location:** Bridgeport Rescue Mission - Main Campus & Women's Center

Thank you for volunteering for Chapel Hour. It is a policy of Bridgeport Rescue Mission to invite many different denominations to our evening services. We are grateful for your service.

To make this time more comfortable for you and our students we have set up guidelines for your to follow. God Bless you and enjoy your evening with us.

Chapel Hour is from 7:00PM - 8:00PM every evening. We limit this time to one hour as it is the end of the day and many of the students are tired.

Volunteers are limited to 4 per Chapel Night. It can be overwhelming when too many people are here. There will be exceptions for event nights.

When you arrive please sign in the Volunteer Log. This enables the Mission to keep an accurate record of contributed hours.

Please have an attitude of service. You will need patience, love, acceptance and understanding along with firm boundaries as you minister to our students.

Generally, we ask that you follow this format:

A short time for music, followed by a time of prayer. After prayer, a Biblical message should follow, then an appropriate closing prayer. There are exceptions to this with permission of the Director.

Please ..... **a few "do's and don'ts":**

While the BRM recognizes and appreciates the use of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" by local churches, we believe that the "Gifts" are often confusing and frightening to those who are searching for Christ while trying to stop an addiction. Accordingly, we ask that the expression of these gifts, including the laying on of hands, discernment and speaking in tongues not be exercised at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

Focus your sharing and discussions on those things that are central to the Christian faith. Please do not share beliefs that differ from the Missions' Statement of Faith or discuss specific doctrines and controversial Biblical issues such as modes of baptism, speaking in tongues.

Do not give money directly to our students. Many are recovering from addictions and other habits. Giving money might cause a student to stumble. If you want to contribute money to a particular person or need please consult the Director.

Do not give out your personal telephone number, cell number or address where you live. It is for your protection and privacy.

Do not come to the Mission if you have been drinking or using drugs. Again our students are in recovery and it may cause them to stumble.

Do not listen to, or repeat gossip or negative talk about others. Please report problems to the staff on duty.

Do not arrange for personal time with our students. Do not offer to take our students anywhere. Please make those arrangements with the Director.

Do not make arrangements with the students to attend your church without the permission of the Men's / Women's Director. Our students are regularly committed to Rescue Mission events on Sundays.

Please dress appropriately. Not tank tops, midriff tops, short shorts or short skirts, skin tight clothing, items of lewd, indecent or satanic imprints.

Thank you.