A Compulsion to Serve the Lord

Meet the Mission’s New Chief Executive Officer, Terry Megli

“Like the apostle Paul, I’m ‘under compulsion’ to preach the gospel,” says Terry Megli, City Union Mission’s new Chief Executive Officer, succeeding the retiring Dan Doty. “I can’t do anything else. I want to, I have to and I need to serve the Lord through this venue.”

But a career with the Mission hasn’t always been his ambition. In 2000, he was a Master of Divinity student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. “My pathway was to go into the pastorate,” he says. “But the Lord had other plans.”

He met a classmate, a Mission employee, who told him about an opening at our ministry for a youth basketball coach and chapel leader. It was a full-time position with benefits. Currently working three part-time jobs while attending seminary and raising a family, it was a “temporary” opportunity he couldn’t pass up. He only intended to stay until he graduated.

“But when I came to the Mission, there was an incredible flood of needs, and people were so hungry to hear the Word of God,” he shares. “And as I was exposed to the business side of the Mission, leadership development and fiscal management – and as I began to see the transformational experience of working with people – it got into my blood,” he says. It became a heartfelt compulsion.

Next he took on the role of youth administrator, then moved into Family Ministries. “This is a subject that was not taught in seminary,” he explains. “If the Lord wanted me in this ministry, I needed to learn how best to minister to the poor and homeless and those needing recovery.” So he returned to school and earned his Doctorate in Ministry. “My dissertation focused on providing biblical hope and healing to those coming out of substance abuse and trauma.”

When he was hired as the Director of Family Ministry in 2012, he felt all the pieces of his education, training and experience come together. “I was completely happy and content to be there for the rest of my life,” he shares.

But when the search for the Chief Executive Officer began, “I prayed and decided to put in my application and be faithful at that level,” he says. “If that’s what the Lord wanted in my life, I would embrace it and do the best I could through His help.”

Terry was selected by the Mission’s Board of Directors and has spent the past several months working closely with Rev. Doty to ensure a smooth transition. “I’m getting clarity and focus on the vision for the next century, and where the Lord is uniquely moving us as a ministry,” he says. “It will be exciting to see how we will respond to the needs of our Kansas City community.”
As we prepare our hearts for Easter, I’m reminded of Paul’s message in Philippians 1:12. We serve a God of “reversal.” The Lord takes what seems futile, useless and even painful in our lives and gives it meaning. The resurrection is like that. Through the death of one man, we receive the newness of life.

I can’t think of a truth more important to those staying at the Mission... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction. That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer hope to a hurting world resonates with our guests. In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome!

The world looks at death as the end and final. But at the Mission, we, like Paul, look at negative circumstances as an opportunity to see God move in the lives of the people we serve, healing and transforming them.

This Easter, I pray you’ll experience the glorious hope of the resurrection in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find salvation through the cross too. I’m so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Thank you,

Terry Megli
Chief Executive Officer

Revenue and expense analysis collected in an independent audit by Clifton Gunderson LLP. Visit cityunionmission.org for complete 2019 ministry statistics and audited financial statements.
From Hunger & Homelessness to HOPE

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How the Mission Is Supported

**Ministry Income**
- Investment: $1,024,288 (5.4%)
- Miscellaneous: $200,629 (1.0%)
- Receiving Center: $4,640,352 (24.3%)
- In-Kind Gifts: $3,330,780 (17.4%)
- Contributions: $9,920,035 (51.9%)

**Ministry Expenses**
- Programs: $15,622,797 (85.4%)
- Development: $1,723,159 (9.4%)
- General Administration: $946,412 (5.2%)

Total Annual Revenue (Including Bequests)
- FY 2019: $19,048,383
- FY 2018: $18,141,106
- FY 2017: $15,035,270

A Community of Generous Hearts

**Funding Sources**
- Businesses: $585,690
- Churches/Civic Groups: $263,627
- Individuals*: $6,476,544
- Foundations*: $2,084,271
- Estates/Trusts: $509,903

Privacy Statement
We respect your privacy and pledge to protect the confidentiality of the personal information you provide to us. Our full donor privacy policy can be viewed online at cityunionmission.org/donor-privacy-policy/.

Mission Statement
City Union Mission is an evangelical Christian ministry committed to sharing the Gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of men, women and children who are poor or homeless.

The Impact of Your Generosity

- Beds Provided: 131,806
- Meals Served: 273,263
- Patients Seen (for medical issues): 9,944
- Chapel Service Attendance (Average per day: 173)
- Salavations and Rededications: 779
- Kids at Camp CUMCITO or City Camp: 456
- Learning Center Hours: 11,801
Your Compassion Restores Hope All Year-Round...

**Through Prayer**
Include our residents, guests, staff and volunteers in your daily devotions. Ask God to give them wisdom and guide their relationships, decisions and choices.

**Through Financial Contributions**
Our greatest need is undesignated financial contributions. Respond to the mailings you receive from the Mission or give securely on our website. Or consider becoming a Bed & Bread Club monthly giving partner (see back of reply form) to ensure a consistent stream of support.

**By Sharing Our News**
Follow the Mission on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube for inspiring testimonies, urgent needs, volunteer opportunities and fundraising events.

**By Giving Your Time**
From serving meals to teaching classes, volunteers are needed in all areas of the Mission. Contact Chris at (816) 474-9380 or impact@cityunionmission.org to learn more!

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An Open Letter to My Aging Parents

“Dear Mom and Dad,
Throughout my life, you have given me so much, but there’s one more thing I need from you. I need you to talk with me about the future.

I know you may be uncomfortable talking about aging or death, but what if something unexpected happens? Losing you will be much more painful if I’m left trying to handle your estate while I’m grieving.

Do you have an up-to-date will? Can we talk about it? I’d like to know what you have planned and why. I am a part of your legacy and I want to live my life in honor of God, our family name and the legacy that has made me who I am.”

Could this letter have been written by your adult child? Estate planning can be a simple and powerful way to communicate love and connect with your loved ones on a deeper level. Talking about the future can create certainty and peace, and even inspire them to get involved with the values, passions and causes you care about – like the work of City Union Mission.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of “What Your Adult Children Need from You” by contacting Dennis Chapman at (816) 329-1476 or dennis.chapman@cityunionmission.org – or bless your family today with a God-honoring will at christianwill.org/cityunionmission.

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Nearly 100 people named City Union Mission in their wills and estate plans in 2019. We’re praying another 150 will make the same compassionate decision in 2020.

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From the Streets to College Student...

**LaSha’s Story of Transformation**

“I was on the streets when I was 12 or 13,” LaSha says, “so I had to survive on my own, by any means necessary.” Sadly, she often sought help from people who used her... instead of the One who loves her. “I didn’t put God first. I’d totally crossed Him out of the picture.”

When her daughter was born, the stress of caring for a child while still nearly a child herself was overwhelming. As she tried, unsuccessfully, to build a stable life for her little girl, she spiraled deeper into despair. “I was losing weight. I was depressed. I was sleeping my life away,” she recalls. When a woman she trusted encouraged her to change her environment – so that she could change her life – she contacted City Union Mission.

“I didn’t have to call back or to wait because they were full, they had space for me and my daughter right then and there,” she says, now believing God was guiding her to our doors. And once in our care, she felt His love through the compassion and dedication of our staff. “They didn’t give up on me even when I gave up on myself,” she says...

For the rest of the story...
Visit our website at cityunionmission.org to learn how LaSha’s life was restored – through your gifts and prayers – and where she and her daughter are today!