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Central Presbyterian Church announces men's night shelter reopens Nov. 1

Atlanta, GA – October 28, 2016 - **Central Presbyterian Church**, an historic church located in downtown Atlanta, announces the Central Night Shelter (CNS) will reopen for the winter beginning November 1.

The Central Night Shelter is a seasonal shelter for homeless men in the downtown Atlanta area during the months of November through March. Together with the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the two churches can accommodate up to 100 guests with Central housing the majority at 70.

For more than 30 years Central Presbyterian Church has provided lodging space and amenities for this local mission, the only Atlanta shelter completely operated and supported by volunteers.

The shelter not only provides nightly accommodations, but also offers three daily meals, shower facilities, and a foot and medical clinic. Guests of the shelter also have the opportunity to participate in activities such as basketball, choir, yoga, and art therapy during their stay.

According to Ana Bailie, a CNS Volunteer Coordinator, the shelter volunteers are there to focus on hospitality. "Volunteers may invite guests to their home for dinner - a place to meet the men where they are not being evangelical." said Bailie. "That said, as our volunteers get to know the men throughout the winter, they realize which ones may be able to change their lives. So volunteers on their own will help the men get a job or refer them to other programs."

Volunteers for the shelter are always welcomed and needed. For those who do not want to stay overnight, there are opportunities to prepare meals or make donations.

For more information about the shelter or volunteer opportunities please contact Ana Bailie at 404-754-9361 or anabailie60@gmail.com, or Karen Cross at 770-492-9915 or georgiacrossroads@yahoo.com. For information about meal preparation or sack lunches please contact Sue Briss at 678-570-3262 or suebriss@bellsouth.net, or Jessie Bashor at 404-291-3865 or jessie.bashor@gmail.com.

The Central Presbyterian Church staff liaison for the Central Night Shelter is the Rev. Molly McGinnis. She can be contacted at mcmginnis@cpcatlanta.org or 404-601-3136.

To visit the Central Night Shelter Website go to cnsatlanta.org.

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About Central Presbyterian Church

Central Presbyterian Church is an historic church located at 201 Washington Street SW in Atlanta, Georgia. It was founded in 1858 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. During the 1930s, it became known as "the church that stayed" as other churches relocated to the suburbs. Central's ministries place an emphasis on social justice through advocacy, local and global mission work, and education.

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