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City Announces Interfaith Winter Shelter Program for 2011 - 2012

San Francisco, Ca - The San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA) has announced the following schedule for the San Francisco Interfaith Council Emergency Winter Shelter Program and shelter site locations. For 23 years, the Human Services Agency and Episcopal Community Services have collaborated with the San Francisco Interfaith Council to provide additional shelter services to homeless men in San Francisco.

“San Francisco is committed to providing our homeless residents with housing, shelter and supportive services,” said Mayor Lee. “The need for shelter is even greater during the colder winter months. I thank the Human Services Agency, Episcopal Community Services and the San Francisco Interfaith Council who in partnership are ensuring our homeless residents have refuge from the anticipated cold and wet weather this season.”

The 2011-2012 Winter Interfaith Shelter Program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, November 20. The first location to host the winter shelter will be St. Mark’s Lutheran Church at 1031 Franklin Street. Interfaith shelter spaces are reserved on a first come first served basis. Those interested in a sleeping space on 11/20, should come to St. Mark’s **NO EARLIER THAN 5:30** pm to get a ticket. The ticket will allow the guest a seven day stay. Two meals will be provided each day for shelter guests. These spaces are not reserved through the shelter reservation system, CHANGES.

The following congregations will provide overnight emergency shelter for the winter beginning November 20, 2011 through February 25, 2012.

DATES	CHURCH LOCATION	CAPACITY CHECK IN TIME
Nov 20 – Dec 10, 2011	St. Mark’s Lutheran, 1031 Franklin St.	60 men – 6:30 pm
Dec 11 – Dec 31, 2011	St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St.	100 men – 7:00 pm
Jan 1 – Jan 28, 2012	St. Boniface, 133 Golden Gate Ave.	60 men – 6:30 pm
Jan 29 – Feb 25, 2012	First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St.	70 men – 7:00 pm

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