

Center for Missional Outreach

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When we engage in ministry *to* or *for*...

- Give once and you elicit **appreciation**
- Give twice and you create **anticipation**
- Give three times and you create **expectation**
- Give four times and it becomes **entitlement**
- Give five times and you establish **dependency**

From *Toxic Charity* by Robert Lupton

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 - To subscribe to the monthly CMO newsletter, go to ntcumc.org, scroll down the home page and click on the Subscribe button.

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 - We are a connectional church!

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 - By sharing targeted monetary grants, best practices information and other resources for missional outreach.

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- For the CMO, values for what faithful and effective ministry *with* our neighbors looks like are grounded in Micah 6:8.

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- Micah 6:1-5

- Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

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- Micah 6:1-5
- For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

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- Micah 6:6-7
- “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

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- *Mishpat* = treating people equitably; giving people their rights or what they are due, whether it be punishment, protection, or care.
- A society is *mishpat* when it gives people with no social power, people living on a subsistence level, their rights as beloved children of God.

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- Biblical examples: widows, orphans, immigrants, the poor
- Contemporary examples:
 - refugees
 - migrants workers
 - single parents
 - the elderly
 - the homeless
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- Address systems, not merely symptoms

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- *Hesed* = steadfast, covenantal love of God for Israel.

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- Micah 6:8 Value
- Ministry that is relational, not merely transactional

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- *Walking humbly* describes a ministry *with* stance:
 - Listening to our neighbors
 - Learning about and from our neighbors
 - Coming alongside our neighbors as friends

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- Our *key ministries* are One + One, Hurricane Harvey Recovery, and Zip Code Connection.

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- One + One
- Church – School partnerships with a focus on one-on-one mentoring
- Contact Ms. Jurrita Williams
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- Hurricane Harvey Recovery
- \$362,258 given to the NTC Disaster Relief Fund
- To date, 68 mission teams from the NTC (including ERTs) to the Texas Gulf Coast
- Vision for the NTC
 - 300 churches
 - 300 mission teams
 - 2018, 2019 and 2020

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- **Zip Code Connection**

- Creating vibrant and thriving communities
- By connecting with them, building connections between our NTC churches and these communities, and connecting resources already at work in these communities so they can collaborate and expand their impact.
- “Extrovert” our learnings in these zip codes about community development to the rest of the conference.

- **Contact Rev. Andrew Fiser**

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