

St. Luke's Chapel
The Parish of Trinity Church
487 Hudson Street
New York, New York 10014
924-0562

St. Luke's Friendship Club

Sister Katherine Veronica, CSJB
924-0382

The Rev. James C. Ransom
255-4132

Following a Garden Party for the Senior parishioners of St. Luke's Chapel in September, 1972, a small group began to meet weekly for lunch, and within a short time St. Luke's Friendship Club has grown to include over ninety people, about fifty of whom meet each Monday for varied activities from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Miss Martha Herman leads a craft workshop. Arrangements have been made for members of the group to sell their work to local shops. From 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. the Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the chapel. This service has a special emphasis on intercessory prayer and the laying on of hands for healing, and is usually conducted by the Rev. James C. Ransom. At 1:00 p.m. a lunch is served in St. Luke's Hall, supervised by Sister Katherine Veronica and members of the group who volunteer to help prepare and serve the food. To meet together to share a meal and conversation with close friends is a joy treasured by the group. A voluntary contribution of twenty-five cents is asked toward the cost of the meal. Lunch is followed by a time for games, quiet conversation, and often some kind of program, which varies from an informal

visitation by school children to share an afternoon with the Club and to sing, to a more sophisticated slide presentation of Gardens Around the World by a professional horticulturalist. Members usually start home by 3:30 p.m., which allows them time to take advantage of reduced fares on New York's public transportation system.

From time to time special bus trips are planned to interesting places in the country or to special events at moderate cost. Friendship Club members find particular joy in finding opportunities to help one another and others through their association with the group. Besides volunteering for various functions within the Club, members keep St. Luke's garden open to the public during the warm months of the year, participate in the Visiting Neighbor's Program, and help each other in time of sickness or other need.

St. Luke's Friendship Club is affiliated with St. Joseph's Senior Society of St. Joseph's Church, 371 Avenue of the Americas (CH2-6728).

Copies to:

Miss Alice Longworth
DSS Community Affairs
42 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013

Sister Katherine Veronica
The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin

Mr. Jacques Parker
448 West 20th Street
New York, New York 10011

The Rev. Henry Burrows
Miss Gladys Quist

5/21/73

Dear *Sis*

Enclosed is a copy (ies) of a proposal presented to the Catholic Bishops' Campaign for Human Development (CHD) for funding for a Seniors' Program which would include a Social Club and a Nutritional Program (Meals-on-Wheels), a Coffee-And Program, a thrift shop and a women's residence. Presently, there is a Seniors' Program at St. Luke's on Mondays and at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays. The Nutritional Program is in the planning stage and still needs input. It is our hope that an independent corporation can be set up, sponsored by the local churches, synagogues, and other groups, to serve as the organization through which these various programs can be initiated and funded. Hopefully, this will become a united effort on the part of the Believing Community of Greenwich Village to attempt to address itself to the needs of the community.

We have been advised that it would be helpful for the funding procedure if members of the local community and others who felt that a need for these services was present, would write to the CHD endorsing this program. Support of this kind would be greatly appreciated and letters can be addressed to:

The Rev. Robert Monticello, Exec. Dir.
Campaign for Human Development
U.S.C.C.
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

We have been informed that, for purposes of identification, the proposal is located in the CHD files under the following designation: #73-1119 St. Joseph's Seniors' Social Club, and we have been requested to include this designation in any correspondence. We would also appreciate it if you could contact others who would be interested in supporting these approaches and ask for their support by contacting CHD or by indicating other agencies, etc. which can be contacted for funding.

There have been preliminary meetings so far attended by those from St. Luke's and St. Joseph's with representation at the last meeting from the Village Visitors, Our Lady of Pompeii Church and St. Vincent's Hospital. There will be a meeting on Friday, May 25, at St. Luke's, 487 Hudson Street, (924 - 0562) at 1:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 8, at St. Joseph's, 371 Sixth Avenue, (741 - 1274) at the same time. As

lunch will be provided, would you please call to indicate if you will be in attendance.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Lott

The Rev. Robert V. Lott
St. Joseph's

James Ransom

The Rev. James Ransom
St. Luke's

P.S. If you write to CHD to support these proposals, we would appreciate it if you would send a copy of your letter for our files.

Local CHD Proposals
c/o R. V. Lott
371 Sixth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10014

Copies of lists also enclosed.

Churches:

Ascension - The Rev. Donald R. Goodness
Brotherhood Synagogue - Rabbi Irving J. Block
First Presbyterian Church - The Rev. John O. Mellin
Grace Church - The Rev. Benjamin Minifie
Judson Memorial Baptist Church
Metropolitan-Duane Methodist Church - The Rev. Edward Egan, Jr.
N. Y. U. Catholic Center - The Rev. Vincent Fox
Our Lady of Guadalupe - The Rev. Camillus Thibault, S.A.
Our Lady of Pompeii - The Rev. James Abbarno
St. Bernard's - The Rev. John Fitzgerald
St. John's (Epis.) The Rev. Charles H. Graf
St. John's (Lutheran) The Rev. Dr. Fred P. Eckhardt
St. Joseph's - ~~The Rev. Robert Wilde~~
St. Luke's - The Rev. Ledlie Loughlin
St. Veronica's - The Rev. James Cockerill
Seventh Day Adventist Church - The Rev. William Jackson
Tenth Church of Christian Science
The Salvation Army - Colonel Ernest Holtz
Village Presbyterian Church - The Rev. William Gleneck
Washington Square Methodist Church - The Rev. Bonnie Jones

Other Clergy:

The Rev. Msgr. Leonard Hunt - Episcopal Vicar - Lower Manhattan
The Rev. Raymond Rafferty - Chairman of the Senate of Priests
The Rev. John Duffell - Chairman - Clinton Planning Board; Chairman -
Lower West Side Clergy Conference; Member of
the Priests' Senate
The Rev. Paul E. Dinter - Member of the Priests' Senate
The Rev. William Lewis, S.A. - Director of the Cultural Inst.;
Assoc. Dir. of the Graymoor Ecumenical Inst.

Groups:

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York:

The Rev. Msgr. James Murray

The Rev. Sister Rita Kerr

St. Vincent's Hospital:

The Rev. Sister Evelyn Schneider, S.C. - Executive Director

The Rev. Sister Margaret Sweeney, S.C. - Deputy Executive Director

The Rev. Sister Catherine Muldoon, S.C. - Associate Director

Mr. James Janeski - Community Organizer - St. Vincent's Hospital

Village Visitors - Mrs. Janet Abels

Village Independent Democrats

Area People:

Mr. John Boyd - New York Medical College (student)

Dr. Natalie Darcy - Chairman - St. Joseph's Parish Council

Mr. Ernie Fontana - Chairman - Social Action Committee of
St. Joseph's Parish Council

The Rev. Sister Margaret Dowling - President of the Sisters of Charity
of Mount St. Vincent

Mr. Robert Godley - Coordinator of the Lower East Side Preparatory
School

Mr. George Lyons - Chairman of the Board of French Polyclinic Hosp.

The Rev. Sister Jo-Anne Moore, F.S.C. - Family Service Worker -
St. Joseph's

Mrs. Katherine Toohey - Director Senior Citizens Program

The Rev. Sister Mary Robert, F.S.C. - Principal - St. Joseph's School

The Rev. Sister Elizabeth Jean, F.S.C. - Principal - St. Joseph's
Branch of Cathedral H. S.

The Rev. Sister Inez Mela, S.C. - Principal - St. Joseph's Academy

The Rev. Sister Mary Matthew - Principal - Our Lady of Pompeii School

March 30, 1973

Gentlemen:

It cannot be stated too emphatically that the enclosed outlined program is but a preliminary "thrust" in a program of total concern and action. Plans are presently being formulated for the creation of a non-profit corporation sponsored by all Village Congregations. The Clergy of each Congregation plus the key laymen and community service personnel will serve as directors. It is hoped that by September 1973 the Believing Community of Greenwich Village will present a united face in fulfilling the command to love. Consolidating our resources and seeking new areas under a corporate umbrella, our proposed five-component program of which the senior citizen component is the first, will hopefully be fully operating by September 1973 or as shortly thereafter as possible.

Our timetable, depending on funding, is as follows:

SENIORS' SOCIAL PROGRAM:

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| Monday . . . St. Luke's | in operation |
| Tuesday . . . St. Joseph's | " " |
| Wednesday | May or September |
| Thursday | " " " |
| Friday | " " " (St. Joseph's) |
| Meals on Wheels | May |
| Women's Shelter | September or as soon as possible thereafter |
| Coffee-And Program | May |
| Thrift Shop | May |

If necessary, we would be happy to arrange an appointment at your office to clarify any of the points herein.

In Christ,

Reverend Robert V. Lott
Associate Pastor, St. Joseph's

PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

IN THE

GREENWICH VILLAGE AREA

I. SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB

\$30,806.00 -CHD (\$1,000 - St. Joseph's
(\$2,600 - Participants
\$34,406.00 - Total

II. "MEALS ON WHEELS"

\$ 4,648.15 - Monthly
\$55,777.80 - Yearly

III. WOMEN'S SHELTER

\$80.000

The Seniors' Social Club, situated at St. Joseph's Church, 371 Sixth Avenue, Greenwich Village, New York City 10014, will be affiliated with the Seniors' Program of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hudson Street, Greenwich Village. It is hoped that this initial joint program will expand to include a "Meals on Wheels" program, sponsored by St. Joseph's and St. Luke's and open to participation by the other Churches and Synagogues in Greenwich Village. As one of the oldest sections of the city, and an area which has remained residential and relatively stable population-wise, we have many senior citizens who are in need of social contact and recreation, and also many who will benefit from a "Meals on Wheels" program which we are in the process of setting up.

St. Luke's has a Seniors' Social Club on Mondays beginning at noon. St. Joseph's will have a program on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and as time progresses, another program on Fridays. In setting up this program, the seniors have been involved and will take over more and more. Sister Jo-Anne Moore, F.S.C., a Family Service Worker at St. Joseph's, will serve as Executive Director for the first year of operation and Mrs. Katherine Toohey, one of the seniors who cooperated in establishing the program at St. Luke's and St. Francis of Assisi on 31st Street in New York City, will serve as Associate Director.

The program of activities is presently being drawn up by a committee of the seniors in conjunction with Sister Jo-Anne and Mrs. Toohey. They hope to include films of various kinds, trips, games that will appeal to various groups among those present from housewives to college graduates and retired teachers. They also want to be involved in planning the menu and bringing special dishes on occasion. They are also setting up a committee to take care of registration, publicity and inventory.

This program is but a first step in a number of projects. As mentioned above, we are working with St. Luke's Episcopal Church and together with them provide programs for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope to interest the other Churches and Synagogues in the area to join with us and cover the remaining days. There is one other such program in the area at Greenwich House, but this is heavily ethnic, serving the Italian-speaking community and, as such, not able to serve those we are aiming at.

We hope to begin a Coffee-And Program for the indigents in the area. At present, this will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:10 a.m. This will be extended as need arises. Church facilities will be used at least until the wider community becomes more fully involved. This program will also seek the cooperation and support of the area Churches.

Very closely united to the Seniors' Social Club is a proposed "Meals on Wheels" Program. Presently, we have a van for delivery of the food and are planning the program. We will be working immediately with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in setting up this program. The Village Visitors have also been contacted as will other area agencies and service groups to indicate persons who need the service. Initially, we plan to service approximately 50 persons.

Finally, we are planning a Women's Residence (Shelter). The Village attracts people for various reasons and some find themselves stranded and without funds; others have drinking or drug problems, or are recovering from mental breakdowns; others need temporary assistance and counseling. This type of facility is badly needed; similar facilities are not available. Among others who have been contacted for consultation in this

matter is Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker who is presently interested in providing such a facility on the lower east side of Manhattan. Plans are in the beginning stages and we are just beginning to contact foundations, etc., for funding. We are considering two (2) apartment dwellings on Christopher Street as a possible location and have an estimate of \$250,000 for renovation. Such a center would include a recreational facility, counseling offices, rooms for those in need. Our request from CHD is for \$80,000 with a view to getting matching funds and other contributions on the basis of this. Could you inform us of the possibility of such funding?

These are the current projects being developed and the funding requested. We are presently gathering demographic material from the 1970 census and are preparing maps of the area to be serviced which we will forward to you as soon as possible. We are sorry that these could not have been ready for the March 31st deadline.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Enclosed is a request for \$30,806 for a Seniors' Social Club. This program has been started but needs funding to expand and continue. It is a first step in a five-pronged program aimed at involving the believing community of Greenwich Village in responding to the various needs of the area. As mentioned, the Seniors' Social Program is worked in affiliation with the St. Luke's Seniors' Program. As a further outreach of the program, we are attempting to begin a "Meals on Wheels" Program to provide nutritional meals for the seniors who are unable to prepare or are uninterested in this important health need. With this in mind, we are presenting a budget request for \$24,570.00 for food. This represents seven (7) dinner meals a week for 50 persons at \$1.00 per meal and seven (7) lunch meals a week for 50 persons at \$.35 per meal. In some cases, the seniors will be able to pay some, if not all, of the cost involved. The purpose of providing the service is to give nutritious meals to those who wouldn't bother, as well as those who are financially, educationally or physically handicapped in taking care of this need for themselves. Many senior citizens are not able to prepare an adequate meal; some, living in hotels and in SRO's, have no cooking facilities; some, who may have cooking facilities, are not motivated to cook for themselves because of their loneliness and depression.

Senior citizens need a low-cost hot meal program not only for financial reasons, but for their physical and mental well-being. According to recent surveys, more than 25% of the senior population has one or more physical or mental ailment which can be attributed to improper diet. Many symptoms of senility develop as a result of malnutrition.

A hot-meal program could play a vital part in assisting a great number to remain in the community, staving off the need for full protective care.

Attached is our proposal to initiate a daily hot-meal program. Through this proposal, a director, an associate director, two field workers, a cook-dietician, a senior citizen aide, and a kitchen helper would be employed.

Those in need of this service will be contacted through referral by local agencies, such as the Greenwich Village Churches and Synagogues, Greenwich House, the Village Visitors Service, Village Independent Democrats, St. Vincent's Hospital, and such other agencies.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>Projected Use of CHD Funds for One Year</u> |
|---|--|
| SALARIES | |
| Professional | \$11,940.00 |
| Nonprofessional | 3,432.00 |
| FRINGE BENEFITS & TAXES (%) | 2,314.00 |
| OCCUPANCY | |
| Building Rent & Occupancy | Contributed |
| Utilities | Contributed |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 150.00 |
| Other Occupancy Expenses | - |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | |
| Furniture & Equipment - Purchases | Contributed |
| Furniture & Equipment - Rented | Contributed |
| OPERATING SUPPLIES & OFFICE EXPENSES | |
| Consumable Supplies - Food | 7,800.00 |
| Reproduction | 150.00 |
| Postage & Freight | 150.00 |
| Other Operating Expenses - Utensils, Supplies | 750.00 |
| TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH & CABLES | 520.00 |
| STAFF TRAVEL | Contributed |
| OUTSIDE SERVICES | - |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES | |
| Program Materials | 3,600.00 |
| Other Related Expenses (Itemize) | - |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | - |
| | TOTAL <u>\$30,806.00</u> |
| <u>INCOME</u> | |
| CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS | \$ - |
| GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES | - |
| PROGRAM INCOME (Itemize) | |
| St. Joseph's | 1,000.00 |
| Participants' Contributions | 2,600.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | - |
| CHD GRANT OR LOAN | - |
| | \$ 3,600.00 |
| | 30,806.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$34,406.00</u> |

MONTHLY START-UP BUDGET

| <u>Personnel:</u> | <u>Monthly Cost</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Coordinator | \$ 400.00 |
| Cook-Dietician | 800.00 |
| 1 Senior Citizen Aide - 20 hrs. wk. @ \$2. per hr. | 173.00 |
| 1 Kitchen Helper - 15 hrs. wk. @ \$3. per hr. | 195.00 |
| 2 Field Workers (part time) 15 hrs. per wk. @ \$3. per hr. - \$45. ea. | 390.00 |
| Accountant-Bookkeeper - 10 hrs. per wk. - \$34 per wk. | 152.00 |
| 2 Program Aides - 10 hrs. wk. - \$2. per hr. - \$20. ea. | 174.00 |
| Driver - 10 hrs. wk. - \$50 - \$5. per hr. | 217.00 |
| Total | <u>\$2,501.00</u> |
| 15% Tax | <u>375.15</u> <u>\$2,876.15</u> |

Program Supplies

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|---|----------------------------|
| Plates, etc. | \$1,000.00 |
| Maintenance Supplies (\$50. per mo.) | 50.00 |
| Maintenance Equipment | 42.00 |
| Office Supplies | 25.00 <u>\$1,117.00</u> |
| Telephone - 1 line \$40. per mo. - Installation - \$40. | 80.00 |
| Other - Postage (120) \$10. | 10.00 |
| Ins. (300) \$25. | 25.00 <u>\$1,232.00</u> |

Food Subsidy

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|---|---------------------------|
| 50 hot meals per day - 7 days @ \$1. per (\$8,200) | 1,517.00 |
| 50 lunch meals per day - 7 days @ \$.35 per (\$6,370) | 540.00 <u>2,057.00</u> |
| Participant's Contribution - \$1. per day | <u>- 1,517.00</u> |

MONTHLY TOTAL . . . \$4,648.15

YEARLY TOTAL - \$55,777.80

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FROM

TO

10 May
The Rev. James Ransom
Mrs. Zvonke Mamon

175-9th
10011
1973

Thank you for your call.
The enclosed will, I hope, answer
most questions about the Friendship
Club.

Please send me any and all
info. about your seminar and
project so we can come ourselves,
and also help the Semons get
there.

We will be pleased to help with
your project for special discounts
for Semons on a strictly non-partisan
basis.

THE BELIEVING COMMUNITY OF GREENWICH VILLAGE

371 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10014

The Rev. Robert Lott
St. Joseph's Church

The Rev. James C. Ransom
St. Luke's Chapel

July 9, 1973

Dear Member of the Believing Community:

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and St. Luke's Chapel of Trinity Parish (Episcopal) have discovered that there is a real need in Greenwich Village, and particularly in the West Village, for a believing ministry to Senior Citizens. We have also come to know the joy, hope and greater accomplishment that has come to us through genuine cooperation and coordination of our separate ministries and programs. Not only has the need been more adequately met, but our two congregations have been drawn closer together in greater trust and fellowship through this cooperative encounter. We want to extend the gift of this new-found fellowship to the whole Believing Community of Greenwich Village.

We invite you, or some interested member of your congregation to join us at St. Joseph's Rectory for lunch at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 20, 1973. The purpose of this gathering is, first of all, to meet and grow to trust more fully the other members of the Believing Community. It is also our intention to further explain and discuss the existing ministry to Senior Citizens in the West Village, to explain our hopes for a genuinely cooperative Meals-on-Wheels Program, and to present our dream for a shelter for women in need.

Enclosed please find a short paper that explains more about what has been going on between St. Joseph's and St. Luke's in the past year. I hope it provides you with a valuable background as preparation for coming to this meeting. Enclosed also is a stamped and addressed post card which we hope you will return to us even if you cannot or do not desire to come in order that we might have an indication of your interest and better plan for the number of lunches to be served.

Fr. Bob Lott of St. Joseph's Church and I hope that you will respond enthusiastically to this invitation and join us on July 20th.

Sincerely,



The Rev. James C. Ransom
St. Luke's Chapel

COOPERATION IN MINISTRY

In September 1972, St. Luke's Chapel of Trinity Parish (Episcopal), 487 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014, began a lunch and recreation program on Mondays for the Senior Citizens of the West Village which has come to be known as St. Luke's Friendship Club. Very soon afterward, St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic) began a similar program on Tuesdays. From the beginning we have coordinated and cooperated in our efforts to provide a ministry to the Senior Citizens in the West Village.

As a part of this effort at cooperation, staff members of St. Joseph's and St. Luke's began meeting together every other Friday for lunch to keep in contact with each other, build a more trusting relationship between the two congregations, and begin to think about ways in which we might extend and improve our ministries in this neighborhood. Four real needs have been determined in these meetings.

Senior Citizen Centers. There is an ongoing need to provide support for the existing Senior Citizen lunch and recreation facilities with the added need to expand sites and services to include other weekdays. Our Lady of Pompeii Church (Roman Catholic) has come to the rescue on this and hopes to open a club for Seniors on Wednesdays in their Church buildings. The Village Presbyterian Church opened the Grace T. Kennedy Memorial Center for Senior Citizens last Thursday. Although there has been no contact between this center and either the Friendship Club or St. Joe's Social Club, it is hoped that we will be able to cooperate with them as much as possible in the coordination of a true community ministry to the elderly.

Transient and Indigent Needs. St. Joseph's has a particular concern for the transient and indigent people who come to their rectory for charity. They are beginning a "Coffee And" program in the courtyard at St. Joseph's Church to provide coffee, some light snacks, and a place to sit, talk, and rest for whoever will take advantage of the opportunity. This is a good start, but it does not begin to meet the need or fulfill the obligation of the believing community to provide hospitality for these people in some more positive way. We need some permanent facility in the Village supported by the believing community here where we can send people of this type who rightly and hopefully seek us out for help -- help we cannot now provide except as we rely on government or other religious agencies outside of our community -- agencies for which we have no direct responsibility.

Meals-on-Wheels. The West Village has the highest proportion of Senior Citizens in its population of any other neighborhood on Manhattan island. For this reason, the Village has a relatively stable overall population. Many of these older people live alone and are handicapped with sight and hearing losses, as well as arthritis and other crippling conditions. Many, if not most of these

people have diet restrictions of some sort. Loneliness, depression, and the inconvenience of cooking alone often combine to insure that this age group does not eat regularly or that their diets are less than nourishing. A Village Meals-on-Wheels program would help insure that the older members of our congregations and others would receive daily contact from outside who would provide them with one hot nourishing meal a day at minimal cost and a cold lunch to be eaten at some other time. This program is in advanced stages of planning. A grant of \$55,777.80 has been requested from the Campaign for Human Development, a funding organization supported by the American Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, to provide fifty meals a day for one year in a fully funded program. Funding has not yet been received, and if CHD fails to make the grant, we are actively seeking funds from other sources. A van for delivery of these meals has been purchased and arrangements have been made with St. Vincent's Hospital that their Dietary Department will purchase and prepare the food for delivery by the program. Through the area's Senior Citizens' Clubs and the Village Visiting Neighbors we have begun to solicit names of people who are potential users of this service.

Women's Shelter. At St. Luke's in the last week a woman has come several times to our parish office asking for a place to wash, some work to do for a little money, and being denied that, a handout. Having no place to sleep, she has taken up residence under the stoop of one of the parish houses on Hudson Street. St. Luke's has no place to give her a proper place to sleep -- no place where she can get a square meal from us in return for doing her own dishes or helping to prepare the food. And worst of all, there is too little time to sit down to hear her story, to let her be the focus of attention for even a few minutes, to show her we care and are willing to help her as much as she wants to be helped. There needs to be a place in our neighborhood that represents our concern and offers our hospitality to people like this, and especially to women, because there is at present no suitable women's shelter on the whole of the Island.

This situation has brought home to us at St. Luke's the acute need that the staff of St. Joseph's has been aware of for some time, and which every congregation in the believing community here shares. As a part of our program, we have asked the CHD for an \$80,000.00 grant to use in seeking matching funds to establish a Shelter for Women that would facilitate the ministry of the believing community to those who seek us out for the hospitality which the Scriptures enjoin us to provide. This program is only in the dream stage now, but the need is blatantly real.

These programs are of such a nature that each Village congregation could implement at least aspects of them alone as a part of their congregation's outreach in faith and love to the needs of the community in which it finds itself. The impact of these programs could be so much greater, however, through the added witness of ecumenical and inter-faith cooperation and coordination. The fact that these programs will not have a denominational or ethnic bias or motivation, but that they will be genuinely rooted in the concern of the whole believing community for the needs of the larger local community of which it finds itself a part cannot help but have a beneficial effect on both the congregations making up the believing

community and the larger community of the Village it is called upon to serve in love. Cooperation also provides the benefit of combined resources that have the potential of producing programs of greater impact than could be achieved by smaller groups working alone, and there is less chance that services will be needlessly duplicated or that senseless competition will stifle genuine concern. If it is always the aim of our common God to draw men together in mutual respect and love, how can our working together for the good of our community fail to be an agent of His mercy toward us?

The Rev. James C. Ransom

Monday, July 9, 1973

Seniors Social Club Budget

Program Director:

(Activities Coordinator: Arts-Crafts, travel, theatre,
counseling, etc.) \$60/week \$ 260.

Assistant Director:

(Social work, contact - service information contact -
i.e., Welfare, social service, etc.) \$50/week 215.

Secretary-Bookkeeper:

(N. Y. U. Student) 6 hrs/week - \$3.50 per hr. 84.

Cook-Dietician:

10 hrs/week 520.

Dietician Assistant: (Senior Citizen)

12 hrs/week - \$3.00 per hr. 156.

Custodian: (H. S. Student)

6 hrs/week - \$2.00 per hr. 52.
\$ 1,287.00

15% Fringe Benefits 193.05

\$1,480.05

Miscellaneous Fees: (consultants, administration, Nutrition, Medical, etc.)

\$150/week 650.00

Highly Nutritional Free Lunch: 100 lunches

(Anticipated Senior Citizens' unsolicited
contributions)

\$.25 per person 50.00

Activity Supplies 300.00

Food preparation and serving supplies 50.00

Non-repeating utensils 150.00

Telephone - Installation (non-repeating) 40.00

Monthly Cost 40.00

Monthly Up-start Total \$ 2,760.05

The VID Executive Committee recommends that the general membership accept the motion that the VID Committee on Aged become a sponsor of the Village Visiting Neighbors.

Whereas, there have been increases up to 20% in the Social Security benefits, and Whereas, a result of these increases has been a concomitant reduction by taking many needful elderly persons totally off Medicaid, and taking some of these same people partially or totally off public assistance, including food stamps, and Whereas, the "means test" now incorporated under Title #16 of the Social Security Act is unreasonable in kind to both the clients and the enforcing agencies, the Village Independent Democrats, therefore, resolve that we exert every-possible influence upon the State and Federal Governments to re-examine the above actions and rectify the inequities and falseness of an approach which pretends to help people by giving them something they need, while, at the same time, removing important assistance that is necessary to make this increase meaningful. It is therefore resolved that our President and District Leaders inform all our elected public officials of our feeling in this matter, and that notice of this resolution be publicized in the widest-possible fashion.