



Catholic Mission to the Carolina Indians

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Power for the Poor Program

2020

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Key Points

- This program has a two fold aim: Development of electrical systems and structures to help house and provide for the least of those that we work with; Provide services to families that they typically would not have access to, or cannot afford due to limited monetary resources.
- This program seeks to be 100% non-profit in that it does not seek to gain a profit from the services provided. If fees are charged for services given it is due to the necessary maintenance of the system and is not meant to be construed as a service that is for-profit.
- This ministry seeks to provide housing and electrical services to individuals, while providing services in typical handyman work to those people who are in need.
- This ministry will pay electrical bills for families that apply for three consecutive months. This service will only be extended to individual families once a year, unless there are no other applicants.
- Total number of available awards a month will be based on monies available from donations.

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INTRODUCTION

NAME AND ORGANIZATION:

This ministry will be called *Power for the Poor* and will be a ministry of the Catholic Mission to the Carolina Indians. It will be run by a Knight Commander of the Military Order of the Faith of Jesus Christ. This organization reports to the Vicar General of the Order on all matters pertaining to this activity. In the event that the Vicar General is not available, then he may report to the Master General on these matters.

The Knight Commander should have a Knight Lieutenant in charge of each individual mission territory.

MISSION:

The Catholic Mission to the Carolina Indians will establish a humanitarian mission targeted towards the native peoples of the Carolinas, and Georgia, in the form of development of housing and electrical systems to alleviate poverty and provide self-sufficiency.

MISSION SCOPE

Strategic Plan:

1. The purpose of this project is to provide power to the many working poor in the area. Local statistics show that material poverty, including lack of housing and access to electricity are a problem in the area. The total poverty rate is over 35% in the area and with high rates of crime and violence. While the St. Nicholas Ministry seeks to provide material resources through food, water and clothing, the Power for the Poor ministry seeks to provide housing and electricity to those that are in need.
2. Plan: In order to provide these services and complete the mission of the overall ministry, we must work to actively build our relationship with the local community, and specifically the local tribal government. This project will be broken down into several steps:
 - a. Project Proposal and Fundraising Efforts
 - b. Architectural development
 - c. Development of Housing and Electrical Systems
 - d. Continued Maintenance of these Systems and Housing that will provide jobs to local tradesmen and members of the community.
3. Constraints: The largest issue that we will run into is the fundraising and the targeted ministry towards native peoples. Also we need to determine if we will provide housing

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only to members of the community, the overall community development and services that we will provide and what form this will take in the proclamation of the Gospel to these persons. Also federal and state laws disallow for discrimination due to race, so we must allow all individuals to apply for housing, regardless of their background, unless we require persons to be members of the Church.

4. Assumptions: It is generally assumed that we will have the support of the Church in our operations, and the support of the Bishop in our endeavors.

Measurement:

5. This plan will be measured based on the effectiveness of our fundraising, of the total amount of applicants we have and our ability to help assist native peoples in the area who are in dire need of new housing.

Objectives:

6. Functional Objectives:

a. 1 Year Plan:

- i. Strategic set-up of the program through the identification of plausible land opportunities in the area and buying up land as donations become available.
- ii. Aggressive fundraising strategy that seeks to raise needed funds for the successful operation of this mission activity.
- iii. Working with architects and engineers for the development of a Church, Housing and Electrical Systems.
- iv. Provide handyman services to people in mission territories with 80% of those served being native peoples.

b. 3 Year Plan:

- i. Over 80 houses built, solar electrical systems developed and the Church fully operational in the area.
- ii. Over 50% of these are Lumbee or Native American.

SCOPE PLANNING DEFINITION

This ministry will work off the organization of the Military Order of the Faith of Jesus Christ. This fraternal order of knights will be the primary means of governance of this activity. The Order should assign the following to their leadership:

| Role | Responsibility |
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| <p>Knight Commander</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The Knight Commander must be in charge of overall program activity. ★ He will oversee all mission activities and will deliver Operation Orders to those that are under him. ★ He reports directly to the Vicar General of the Order on all activities and maintains the mind of the commander in his determination of the implementation of the program. |
| <p>Knight Captain</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Oversees the program activity in a given mission territory. Required to work with mission administrators (Usually a Knight Major) in order to fulfill the mission of the local territory. ★ Receives and Delivers Operation Orders from the top to his subordinates and keeps them up to date on all operational changes. ★ Works with the assigned soldiers of the organization to implement the overall program deliverable. |
| <p>Knight Lieutenant</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Oversees specific tasks as assigned by the Knight Captain. ★ Receives and Delivers Operation Orders from the top to his subordinates and keeps them up to date on all operational changes. ★ Coordinates soldiers of the organization to implement program objectives. |
| <p>Sergeant Major</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Oversees specific tasks as assigned by the Knight Commander ★ Maintains all equipment and personnel rosters on the Priory level. ★ Creates material lists for those things that are needed. ★ If no Sergeant is assigned to specific commanderies, helps Officers to maintain teams for assigned tasks. |

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| Sergeant | <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Oversees specific tasks as assigned by the Knight Lieutenant★ Maintains all equipment and personnel rosters on the Commander level.★ Creates material lists for those things that are needed. |
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Units should remember their respective missions and goals and actively work to promote the objectives they are trying to accomplish. A command inspection by the Master General should be done annually to ensure that all mission objectives are being met, in the event that they are not, command leadership should make decisions that are in the best interest of the mission of Christ on whether to replace, or grant suggestions for greater mission efficiency.

ACTIVITY DEFINITION

The primary means of this operation will be contingent on having skilled labor that can do good solid work. This means that we must be able to recruit skilled personnel to be soldiers in our operation. We also must be able to provide adequate pay for these persons as they work in the vineyard of the Lord. For even the Lord showed that a man should be compensated for this work, both in heaven and on the earth. For this reason we have two basic parts:

1. Soldier Training
2. Energy Efficiency
3. Stewardship

In order for us to effectively meet these needs, we must understand the plausible goals and objectives in each of these parts.

Soldier Training

Like most Military Orders the training of individuals is key in our operation. We must, like all others, provide adequate training both in the spiritual and the physical world. It is recommended that we launch a recruiting advertisement focused towards people of trades experience inside of the Catholic Church. It is imperative that we are able to find masons, electricians, plumbers, framers, concrete pourers and much more in order to do the job that we need to have done.

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If this is not possible, we must work with a General Contractor that is capable of running the work and finding the trades that are needed so that the mission may be completed. All of this must be overseen by the Knight Commander in charge of the operation in totality and the Knight Captain in charge of the mission territory.

Energy Efficiency

One of the major ways that we need to look at living is through protecting the earth, the people and the way of life of these individuals. In order to do this, we must build housing and provide alternative energy that is able to power not only the Church, housing and recreation buildings, but we must build structures that are energy efficient.

In order to do this, we are proposing dome housing as the means of Church and Structural concerns. These community homes will be decorated in traditional colors and will need to be



built so that they can reduce echoing. There are many perks to dome style housing such as:

- **They're**

energy-efficient: A study completed in 2016 by dome-home maker Monolithic Constructors found the utility savings of a 50-foot, ellipsoid house in Virginia were [more than \\$2,500 over five years](#), compared to the average house in the state (despite

powering a two-car garage and pump-house). The house we visited was actually three connected domes totaling 3,200 square feet, and yet it can easily be powered with a small array of solar panels.

- **They're disaster-proof:** If you're like us and live in the flood-prone Houston area, a dome home should be a particularly enticing option because it is virtually indestructible when faced with extreme weather events. Monolithic dome homes have weathered earthquakes, Category 5 hurricanes, tornadoes, and fires. In fact, the entire structure of a dome house qualifies as a safe room with "near-absolute protection" by [FEMA standards](#).

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- **They're low-cost:** As we mentioned, dome homes are great for lowering your utility bills. But they save money in materials, as well. A dome home's shape means far less surface area than a typical home and can require as little as half or 25% the materials necessary to build it. In other words, the cost savings begin during construction and continue for the life of the home.
- **They're out-of-the-ordinary:** Why have a statement chair when you could have a statement *home*? Today's dome houses tell the world that you're an independent, forward-thinker who knows beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.¹

It is imperative that we search for types of housing to build that we are conscientious about the message that we are portraying in our environmental activity. Recently, Pope Francis has called for us to rethink the way that we utilize energy and the means that we live our life. By using dome housing as our primary structure, we will be able to help support the teachings of the Church in our activity, but also will be protecting the Earth by moving towards energy efficiency. Also many of the tribes in the area are a part of national and international solar initiatives that work towards protecting the environment, so we must also support them in their mission to continue this activity.

Church Building

The Church building should be built in such a way that it honors the traditions of the Greek Churches, but at the same time we must honor the people that we are evangelizing. It is proposed that we build the primary structure as a monolithic building with a single bell tower that suspends 60 ft in the air with traditional onion domes.

All of this will be powered by a 1MW solar array that will provide all power needed for the operation of these buildings.

Stewardship

Proper funding for this program is mandatory. If we cannot find proper funding for what we have in mind then we will not be able to do those things that are required by the Gospel. In order to meet these objectives we must understand what the objectives are and how best to approach them. As the objectives were already established in the mission scope, we now look towards plausible funding needed.

¹ Information found from: <https://legaleaglecontractors.com/dome-home-guide/>

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| Development | Cost | Phase |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| Housing | \$4.5 Million | Phase 3 |
| Church | \$5 Million | Phase 2 |
| Electrical System | \$1 Million | Phase 1 |
| Total | \$10.5 Million | |

The cost for materials and other things must also be put into perspective.

| Equipment | Cost |
|-----------|-----------|
| Trucks | \$200,000 |
| Tools | \$50,000 |
| Salaries | \$384,000 |
| Total | \$634,000 |

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This operation will have a phase time schedule and funding will demand the length of time of each phase. It is imperative to understand that we must raise all monetary amounts before starting the project and specifically each phase of the project. The below times are only general indications of what we expect the timetable will be. More information will be available once we have consulted with architects and engineers.

Phase 1: Land, Working with Architects, Finding GC, Building Electrical Grid and related systems - 12 months and includes grading of property.

Phase 2: Church Building - 12 months

Phase 3: Housing and Parish Hall - 12 months and includes installation of a well water system for housing.

In total it is expected that it will take a total of 3 years for the full completion of this project. All of these dates are subject to change.

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