

Why we serve:

What is Ministry?

Submission: The City Rescue Mission of Lansing was founded in 1911 by Thomas and Emily Dolton, as an outpouring of their Christian faith. Their desire was to share Christ's love with those who were marginalized and, sadly, often felt unwelcome in the traditional church environment of their day. In 1947, this purpose was further evidenced by the raising of the "Jesus Saves" cross over the Mission, to clearly show the purpose of the services provided to many who were hurting, hungry, and homeless. Today, every staff member of the City Rescue Mission is asked to wear a uniform with the logo of that cross, as a visual testimony of our united purpose to continue the Dolton's legacy to share the truth of Christ and to show His love through acts of service. To faithfully present Jesus Christ, staff of the City Rescue Mission of Lansing agree to submit ourselves to the tenets of our faith, clearly defined in the Holy Bible (the very Word of God), long held by the Christian church, and delineated in our doctrinal statement.

Representation: Every staff member, as they wear this logo, is a representation of Christ and is seen by guests as able to assist them in prayer and in the guest's own search for Christ. While not every staff member may be asked to speak in chapel, we, like all believers, are called upon to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15). For us to be able to "give" this answer, each of us individually have to be actively seeking a closer relationship to Jesus Christ. To express that "Jesus Saves," that truth must be not only our mission at work but also an integral part of our everyday pursuits.

Unification: While some staff roles may seem to be more "noticed" than others, every task is in service of presenting Christ to those we serve. Because we serve together, as one body, it is important that we are unified in our approach and our desire. "But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:24b-26