



# Welcome *to the*

# MICAH

# South Chapter

2024 Policy Breakfast

Bring Minnesota Home NOW!



## All God's People Need A Home



Today, as we gather virtually, it is of utmost importance that we all recognize the land we are living and working on is stolen land from our Native American relatives.

We must seek to understand our place within that history and use that understanding to work towards justice.

*Land Acknowledgement  
Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness*



# Welcome

Renee Pfenning  
MICAHA South Leader

# Faith Reflection

Linda Soderstrom  
We Are Your Neighbors –  
MICAHA Speakers Bureau Coordinator



# THANK YOU!

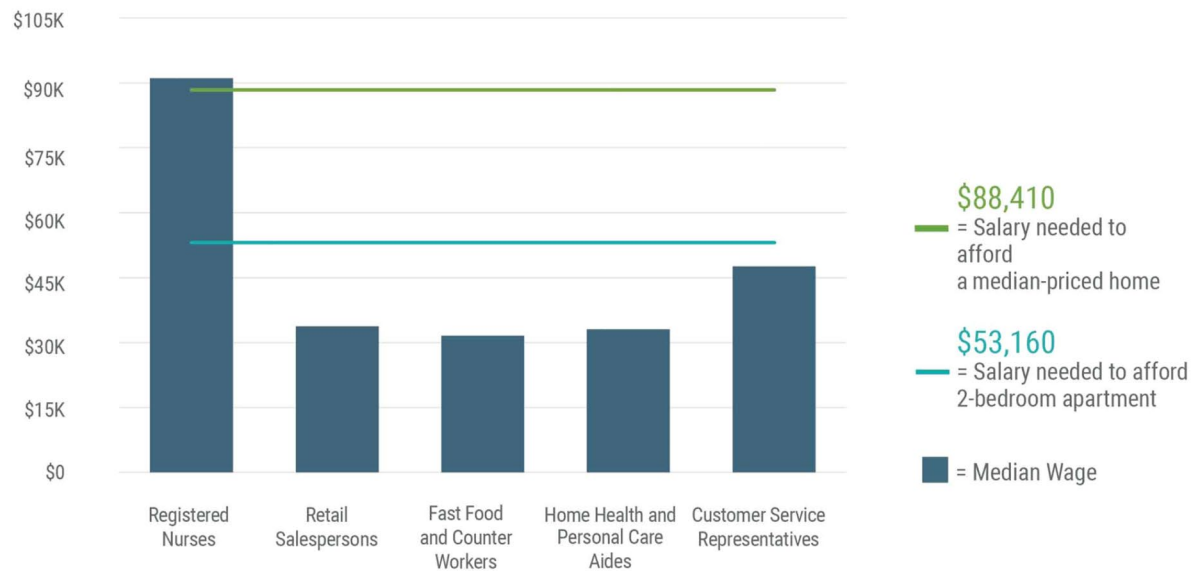
Policy officials who have said they would be with us today.

**MN Congresswoman Angie Craig Staff-Caleigh Gumbiner**  
**State Senator Lindsey Port**  
**State Senator Jim Carlson**  
**State Representative Mary Frances Clardy**  
**Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness- Mary Riegert-Soyring**  
**Dakota County Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg**  
**Dakota County Commissioner William Droste**  
**Dakota County Commissioner Joe Atkins**  
**Dakota County Commissioner Mike Slavik**  
**Dakota County Commissioner Laura Halverson**  
**Eagan City Council Gary Hansen**  
**Inver Grove Heights City Council Mary T'Kach**  
**Lakeville City Council John Bermel**  
**Lakeville City Council Dan Wolter**  
**West St Paul City Council Julie Eastman**



The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs DAKOTA'S COST OF HOUSING



Cost-Burdened # of households in Dakota County	Renter:	18,516
	Owner:	20,724
	Total:	39,240



# Historic Minnesota 2023 Legislative Session

\$2.4 Billion Housing and Homelessness Services.

\$1.8 Billion in FY 2024-25, and an additional \$1.7 Billion in FY 2026-27 for health care, economic assistance, behavioral health, and childcare.

Over \$1 Billion - Child Tax Credits: 300,000 households including 513,000 children will receive up to \$1,750/child.



## Dustin Luke Shields Act (Lead Safe Homes bill) PASSED with \$4 Million!



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 500-700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$4 Million to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.



# What are We Doing & How Additional State and Local Funding Will Help

## **Mary Riegert-Soyring**

Deputy Director, MN Interagency Council on Homelessness

## **Madeline Kastler,**

Deputy Director, Dakota County Community Services Division  
MN Local Affordable Housing Aid and Shelter Capital needs

## **The Link - Youth Leaders**

## **Kim Pettman - It's All Connected: Advocate and Community Connector**

Housing, Transportation, Health Care, Aging, Disabilities, Jobs





## MICAH's 2024 Policy Priorities: Local & State Level

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision-making table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs, and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by lead paint poisoning to implement the Lead Safe Homes Bill, to protect our children from lead poisoning.
3. Racial Equity and protection of Civil Rights in all Homeless and Housing Programs and support systems.
4. Preserve and create safe, decent, accessible, affordable housing (rental & homeownership) for people with incomes under 30% median income.
5. Support livable incomes for people who are employed, unemployed, and on public assistance.
6. Ensure we are a welcoming community in creating housing opportunities that provide second chances and mercy for those who have struggled with addiction, mental and/or physical health, criminal, and/or rental issues.
7. MICAH will be actively involved with the Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2024 Session priorities.



## Homes for All's 2024 Policy Agenda:

1. Funding to build more - Bonding
2. Housing Constitutional Amendment
3. Source of Income Protection
4. FHPAP for ERA
5. Housing Support Income Modifications
6. Landlord Tenant Law changes



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## State Policy Makers

**Rep. Mary Frances Clardy (53A)**

Vice Chair, Education Finance

**Senator Lindsey Port (55)**

Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention



# State Policy Makers

How will you support  
Homes for All Legislative Priorities?



# Local Policy Makers

How are you, or will you, use local resources, changes in zoning, and waiving fees to address people's housing needs in our communities?



“Please support the HOMES For All Agenda.”

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Speaker of the House

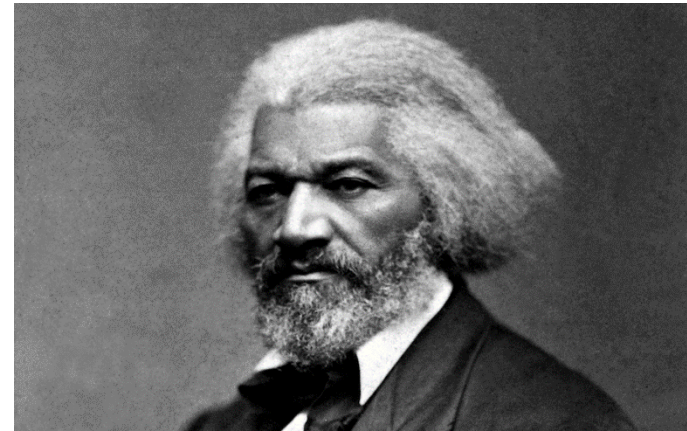
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# Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.



## **Ways to be Involved:**

**South (Dakota County) Chapter Meetings – 2nd Tuesday, 5-6:30p**

### **MICAH Policy Breakfasts & Luncheon**

Friday, February 09, 8-9:30a - Anoka County Chapter

Friday, February 23, 8-9:30a - St. Paul Chapter

Friday, March 01, 8-9:30a - Housing for All Chapter

Monday, March 04, 1:30-3:00p - Mpls Chapter & Freedom from the Streets





## Day on the Hill Events

**MHP Legislative Preview** – Thursday, February 8  
8 - 9:30a – Carpenters Union Hall, 730 Olive St, St. Paul

**Start with Home Rally for Affordable Housing** – Tuesday, February 20  
1:30-2:30p – MN Capitol Rotunda  
Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/233475034588160>

**Mental Health Day on the Hill** - Thursday, March 7  
9:30a Briefing, 11:00a Rally – MN Capitol Rotunda

**Homeless Day on the Hill** – Wednesday, March 20  
8:00a – gather at Central Presbyterian, 500 Cedar Street, Saint Paul  
10:00a – walk to the Capitol

**Second Chance Day on the Hill** – Wednesday, March 20  
Registration: <https://mnsecondchance.org/mnscd-doth-2024>



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