

# The Sanctuary

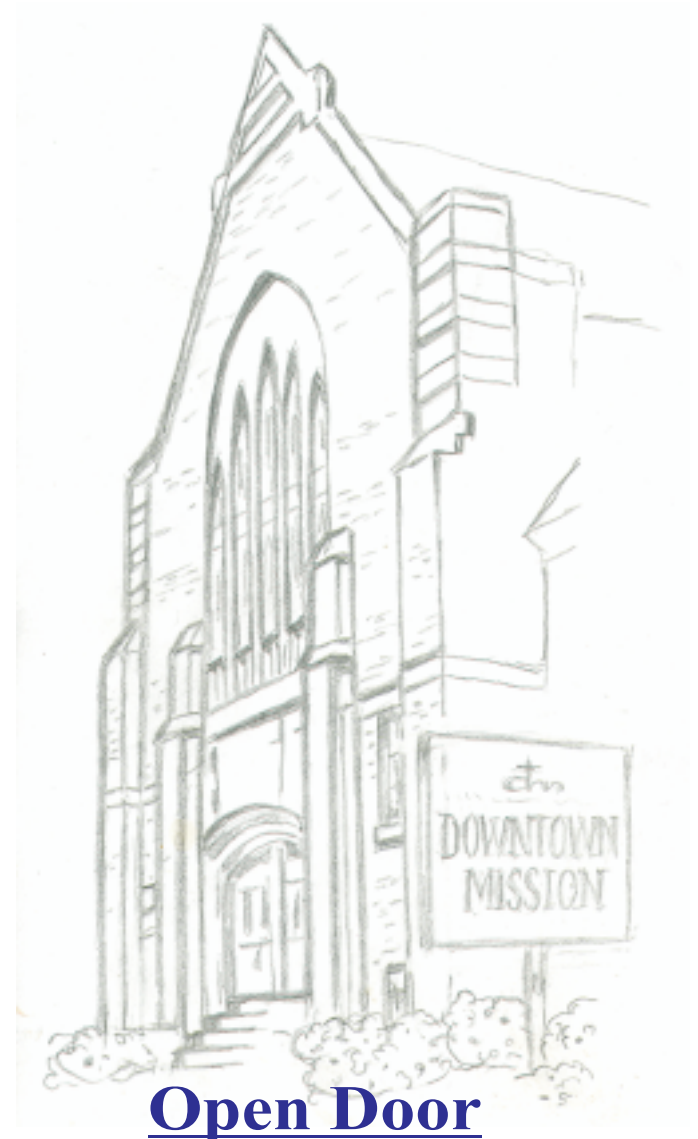
*Open to all who seek  
sanctuary from the elements*

**If you need to get out of the cold  
We provide:**

- ❖ *a safe warm place of sanctuary*
- ❖ *compassionate non-judgemental staff*
- ❖ *Both Men & Women are welcome*

## **What To Expect:**

- ❖ *We ask only your name and age.  
no I.D. required*
- ❖ *We don't share your name with  
any government department  
i.e. welfare, disability*



## **Open Door**

*You are welcome even if you are  
suspended by the Mission or by  
other agencies*

**Phone: 519-973-7670 (after 10:30 pm)**

# Sanctuary Program

## *Out of the Cold*

Joe walked into the Sanctuary at 11:00 pm; lay down on the floor and fell quickly asleep.

A personable, good looking kid with a knack for survival, he's been couch crashing at various friends apartments. Now eighteen, he's been floating on and off the street since he was fifteen.

Tonight he presumably had worn out his welcome, or a landlord had put his foot down. But, at least for tonight, he doesn't have to sleep on the street or get hassled by "predators" who try to pick up young boys.

On a Wednesday night in early November, the Mission opened its doors to people seeking sanctuary from the elements. This new program is called The Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary is modelled on similar programs operating in practically every large city in Ontario. Many "out of the cold" sites are located in churches. People stuck on the streets will be able to escape to a warm, safe place and sleep on mats placed on the floor. The Sanctuary is not a shelter since we do not provide beds, showers or meals.

**The Sanctuary opens it's doors at 10:45 pm and closes at 7:00 am.**

