Rev. Michael D. Wurschmidt

Rev. Michael D. Wurschmidt is an Anglican priest who is the founder and current pastor of Shepherd’s Heart Fellowship, an urban congregation of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh that is dedicated to providing help and hope to the homeless of Pittsburgh. Since 1993, Shepherd’s Heart has provided outreach to those who are poor and homeless, including homeless veterans, by providing food, blankets, clothing, counseling, information/referral, and personal prayer to those on the streets of Pittsburgh. Shepherd’s Heart is headquartered on Pride Street in Pittsburgh’s Uptown neighborhood. Rev. Wurschmidt and Shepherd’s Heart partner with over 150 organizations throughout S.W. Pennsylvania, including over 90 churches of many different denominations, in order to bring help and hope to the homeless of Pittsburgh.

“Pastor Mike”, as he is affectionately known, serves also as the Executive Director of Shepherd’s Heart Veterans’ Home, founded in 2006, which provides transitional housing to homeless veterans. Since the program began, Shepherd’s Heart Veterans Home has had over a 75% success rate of homeless veterans who have completed the program, met their personal goals, and have reintegrated into society and obtained permanent housing.

An Air Force veteran, Rev. Wurschmidt has become nationally recognized as a tireless advocate for veterans, especially those who are homeless. He serves as a Federal Chaplain for the VA’s Pittsburgh Healthcare System, specializing in the causes and prevention of homelessness among veterans. He is also the former co-founder and consultant of Project Home Again, a national program of World Vision, which helped homeless families to be adopted by local churches.

Rev. Wurschmidt earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA in 1998. He has been in ministry since 1984, working among the poor and homeless since 1988 and ordained an Anglican Priest in 1998. He and his wife Tina have two adult children and live on Pittsburgh’s South Side.