

THE COMMUNITY OF

Adsideo

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Adsideo's Bresee & Wynkoop Houses

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"The first miracle after the baptism of the holy ghost was wrought upon a beggar. It means that the first service of a holy ghost-baptized church is to the poor; that its ministry is to those who are lowest down; that its gifts are for those who need them the most. As the spirit was upon Jesus to preach the gospel to the poor, so his spirit is upon his servants for the same purpose."

Dr. Phineas F. Bresee



"Holiness is not the absence of sin but the presence of love. Love is the essential inner character of holiness, and holiness does not exist apart from love. That is how close they are, and in a certain sense they can be said to be the same thing."

Reverend Mildred Wynkoop

This is a proposed vision for men and women who have experienced the tragedies associated with a lifestyle of addictive behaviors. We aim to provide an opportunity for renewal and restoration through the introduction of an integrated community. The Community of Adsideo will step forward to re-connect with the heart of the founder of the Church of the Nazarene, Dr. Phineas F. Bresee. His desire was to be apart of a Church who would reach beyond human circumstances and reach those living in the neglected quarters of the city. We believe that it is God's vision to serve and to provide a place of service for the poor and afflicted.

The Bresee House for men and Wynkoop's House for women will be comprised of Adsideo's "pneuma-nastic" theory. (Coming from the Greek words Pneuma and Nastos: Pneuma- that spirit which Christ breathes into us, His very own creative living force and Nastos- to be squeezed or pressed together.) Our goal is to create a communal living experience, which emphasizes the monastic experience of a communal living setting, versus the therapeutic approach these men and women may have received in recovery programs.

These houses also have the potential to become a center of employment, safe and comfortable living conditions, and a church family for the men and women. Christian community will be at the center of the experience and will become the mode in which all decisions are reached. Members of the house and pastoral staff have the ability to make exceptions based on the spirit of intent and house consensus. The houses will collectively take the responsibility for filtering and approving all house participants. The houses aim to come alongside individuals and meet them at the point of their need with the love of God that is spoken about in Hosea 11:4, "I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them."

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THE BRESEE & WYNKOOP HOUSES

Entry requirements:

- Initial clean time: There has to be demonstrated behavior that strides have been taken to the “next level” beyond their addiction. Does this person have a remarkable change that has just taken place?
- A statement of personal faith and desire that is leading to Christ.
- An agreed, demonstrated commitment to the vision of Adsideo.
- Entrance fee: \$35 application fee for rental company
- Criminal background disclosure.
- Health screening: for HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis, TB, etc. The purpose is for general health and safety concerns. Staff—Not a requirement.
- Urine Analysis: Available and used at house manager discretion.

House Standards:

The house is a safe zone. That goes towards guests as well.

Pastoral Staff isn't serving as case workers, but life-guides who will help manage the process which will enable us to learn how to resource their life (i.e.: Bank accounts, IDs, homework, employment, social security, food stamps). Life guides will help in the job hunting process as well as recommend appropriate employment.

The house makes collective decisions for the individual (monastic environment). This is not a one-on-one or panel of 2 or 3 so as to prevent one on one power play or lording over the other. This will be a signed and agreed upon covenant relationship of love and trust with one another. The individual will be begin to see their connection, role, and responsibility inside of the house. This will be vitally important to their success physically and spiritually.

Employment: Required timeline for employment is 30 days after moving in. There may be a grace period based on the individual if it is understood that they are actively pursuing employment. 25-40 hours worked per week. If over-time is accrued, individual must tithe a percentage to the house to discourage time taken away from relationship building opportunities at the house.

House-guests come with an invite—this is not a hangout house, this is not a free hostel—this is a residence of solitude. Open houses will be scheduled and made available.

Occupants will share rooms - 2 occupants to a room—with room for exception upon availability of space. Isolation behavior must be avoided and learning to share space is important in understanding of your posture inside of the house.

Communal Meals - One communal meal each week with a set time for everyone in the house to eat together.

House Chores – Responsibilities are shared and divided equally each week.

Budgeting - Everyone will learn how to create a budget (with the help of outside services) for them including savings, house fees, entertainment, etc.

Services coming out of the house—Each individual in the house will find a place of service among the community encouraging the art of investing through time and relationship with others in Adsideo. Each housemate will be encouraged to get involved in all service opportunities Adsideo offers.

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Business Employment coming out of the house—The goal is to eventually create its own business opportunity that the ‘unemployable’ in the house can gain employment and experience through (Commercial lawn care, portable food services, produce stand, coffee shop, etc.). This will also prove to be a revenue source for the house eventually leading to providing enough revenue so that the house may be self-supported.

Spiritual Development

Great emphasis will be placed on Christ’s spiritual development of these individuals. As spiritual co-jourmers, these men/women will learn the art of disciple making and find themselves deeply engaged in God’s story of redemption, reconciliation and freedom. They, through the course of time and experience, will find themselves deeply immersed in the God-life story.

One on ones with a spiritual leader/mentor will be scheduled and required.

Group Processing will be an atmosphere required to learn the beauty of sharing thoughts, questions, revelations, and prayers as the men and women are encouraged to find strength in the body of Christ.

Atmospheres and experiences will be a center point for biblical teaching, helping men and women learn about the beauty of spiritual disciplines through unique and eclectic forms that will enable them to find an individual place of connectivity within the Body of Christ. This will help them begin to understand their make-up and spiritual giftedness.

Active spiritual servitude in the Community of Adsideo will be one of the core elements in this venture. The men and will understand the importance of body-life experience and their inter-connectedness to a community of believers. They must have a defined place of service in the Church.

Adsideo’s Description of “Safe Environments”, adapted from “Grace and Truth” resources.

Safe Environments are:

1) Confessing: A community (James 5) where we take ownership of our sin, we repent, and we ask for forgiveness. Communities that lack confession create sickness.

2) Forgiving: A community where forgiveness and redemption are experienced.

3) Physically Safe: A community where we will then be able to begin taking the risks necessary for growth.

4) Emotionally Safe: A community where we hold others experiences as sacred.

5) Spiritually Safe: A community where we are able to handle doubts, fears, and unbelief’s safely.

6) Authentic: A community in which we genuinely choose not to live behind masks or facades. “Hypocrite” means “mask-wearer”.

7) Trusting: A community where trust flourishes. We understand that people trust depending on levels of wounded-ness and we must risk being vulnerable.

8) Celebrating: A community where affirmation is freely given and a celebratory spirit is shared when good decision making is demonstrated.

9) Honest: A community where we admit our failures safely. “Failure is a reality and an opportunity for teachable moments in our lives”.

10) Accountable: A community where we take personal responsibility for the direction of our lives today. We address our personal identity and define it.