



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love INC *of Rock County* Church Manual

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How do we make ministry manageable for the local church?

Love In the Name of Christ of Rock County came about after the “Day of Compassion” where 47 churches joined forces to help those in need for a one day event. Love INC is now the everyday work of that day.

We realize most clergy and individual churches do not have the time nor the resources to handle many of the requests that come to them. Through the phone ministry of Love INC, we coordinate the time and resources of church volunteers to address the needs of people in our community.

Your congregation’s support of Love INC allows us to work for you in making your church ministry manageable. We accomplish this by verifying the legitimacy of the needs then networking church and other area resources.

We believe by coming together in ministry, the church is stronger and able to provide a

continuum of care for families in crisis. As our country goes through welfare reform, the churches can provide the support needed as families transition from welfare to work.

As a network of twenty churches, we can accomplish a great deal more together than we can alone. It is our sincere hope that this manual will provide a valuable resource for pastors and churches in the Rock County area.

Together we bring the transforming love of Jesus as we work in His name.

Raejene Schlenke

Executive Director



Love In the Name of Christ Board

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Do you know of anyone that might serve in this capacity?

1 John 3:18 “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”



Love INC ...

- is a strategy to *mobilize churches*. This strategy works in collaboration with area service providers *to meet the needs of individuals and families in the community*.
- networks pastors and church leaders to meet, pray, and encourage each other to build relations and foster unity.
- helps churches to coordinate through a community clearinghouse and to organize the church volunteers who are able to meet crisis needs when called upon. The body of Christ, with its many members, functions together to meet needs in your community.
- does not duplicate services. It seeks to develop gap ministries at partnering churches to meet needs that no one else is meeting.
- is an extension of plus a service to the pastor and/or church secretary. We have the time to talk with a client and find out what their need is. Then we have the relations with the agencies in the area to verify the need is legitimate. After verifying, we then refer them to a community service agency, church ministry, gap ministry or church volunteer to meet that need.
- is different from community agencies because we bring the love of Jesus to our clients. We always end each call by offering them the opportunity to pray and have a pastoral call or visit.
- is a ministry of the church because everything we do comes through our partnering churches. We offer nothing apart from them.
- is relationship building by having one on one contact with clients.
- unites the corporate body of Christ.
- is known by all agencies in town.
- gives the Church a greater influence in the community through gap ministries.
- is the hub of the wheel that directs ministry outward into the community.
- allows a church to determine its level of involvement.
- is serving with the ability to share faith.
- allows the church congregation to grow spiritually as they connect with fellow believers and mentor clients.
- gives the opportunity to donate and dispense those goods.
- brings the ultimate help by bringing someone into the saving knowledge of Christ.
- is local *mission work* of the Church.

What does it mean to be a Partner Church with Love INC?

A Partner church using Love INC services is involved in the following areas of action:

Partner Church Action Areas:

- † Believe in and follow our statement of faith the “Apostle’s Creed”.
- † Introduce Love INC to the congregation by having a Love INC Sunday.
- † Refer requests for help to the Love INC Clearinghouse.
- † Encourages church members and attendees to participate in the ministry of Love INC.
- † Accept referrals for help from the Love INC Clearinghouse to your existing ministries (if it is big enough to handle more clients).
- † Provide Clearinghouse volunteers from your church each year.
- † Participate in the financial support of Love INC (all money stays local).
- † Pray for Love INC, clients, other partner churches and for the unity in the Body of Christ.
- † Appoint one or more Church Ministry Coordinators (CMC) to be a liaison between the Clearinghouse and your congregation.
- † Follow-up with a client that requests a phone call or pastoral visit.
- † Fill out the church Partner Information form so we know what ministries your church has.

Our statement of Faith:

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried;**

**He descended into Hades;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right had of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

As a Love INC partnering church, your congregation...

- are volunteers representing your church not Love INC. We are just the way to connect them to the people in need.
- has the opportunity to build a relationship that may change a life for eternity.
- are making a commitment to your church, your community and most importantly to God.

Ways to volunteer so far... Love INC is here to work with you to develop gap ministries or volunteer opportunities that match your congregation's unique gifts and talents. The following are areas of need or gaps in services we have identified so far.

- Transport clients between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday to agencies, church ministries, doctor's appointments, etc. in the area
- Clothing pantry– sorting and/or manning a once a month clothing give away.
- Men's group to volunteer to move clients or large items and other projects as identified (day, evenings or weekends)
- Donate or collect toilet paper, general household cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, diapers (size 3-6) and feminine hygiene products to stock the Bare Necessity Pantry
- Donate supplies to the foster care duffle bags (items include: duffle bags, blankets, letter of encouragements, stuffed animals, books, etc.)
- Intake workers needed Monday-Thursday between 8:45-Noon to interview and refer people with needs (over the phone) at the clearinghouse
- Administrative support and data entry(Monday-Thursday 8:45-Noon)
- Web design
- Errand runner (Monday-Friday 8:00-3:00pm)
- Become an Event planning, Marketing and/or Finance committee member (evenings)
- Pray for the Love INC ministry and clients and become apart of our prayer chain (must have an email)
- Church Ministry Coordinator (CMC)-liaison between your church and Love INC
- Love INC board member (evenings)

" I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

How to refer walk-in and phone requests of people needing help-

If possible, have **the client call Love INC.** We can then verify, have them on record and clear any problems. The number for clients to call direct is **(608) 531-1880. Love INC does not accept walk-in clients.** This is a referral service only.

Love INC Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

9:00A.M—Noon

(608) 531-1880

After hours they may leave a message on our machine and an intake worker will call them back the next business day.

Please notify Love INC of any assistance you provide an individual or family. This will help prevent duplication of services and avoid any abuse of the helping system.

Gap ministries you provide to clients:

Moving -

Volunteers give of their time, strength, and/or trucks to help move clients or large items.

Transportation—

We have volunteers to give rides to clients in the Rock County area. We need to know of the appointment at least 5 days beforehand to coordinate the ride.

Foster Care Duffle bags—

Duffle bags filled with a blanket and other items to be given to any child entering into foster care. Our hope is to make the transition easier. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) will be the agency to get them to the child. All partnering churches are asked to help supply these bags.

Bare Necessity Pantry-

Roxbury Church of Christ is housing a pantry that will have available toilet paper, general household cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, feminine hygiene products and diapers (sizes 4-6). All partnering churches are asked to collect and help supply this pantry with these items.

Clothing Ministry— once a month free clothing give away on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Rock Assembly of God.

Love INC Fact Sheet for 2009:

Our mission statement:

The mission of Love In the Name of Christ is to mobilize the Church to transform the lives and communities in the name of Christ



Your church is part of the twenty churches representing over six denominations that contribute to the work of the Love in the Name of Christ clearinghouse!

Our stats...

Total calls= 1,243
 Total needs met= 1,120
 Adults helped= 682
 Families helped= 619
 Pastoral calls made= 108
 Prayers said with clients= 820
 Foster Care Duffle bags passed out= 60
 Clients that went to our Bare Necessity pantry= 290
 Transports given by Love INC volunteers= 141
 Clients helped by moving ministry= 22
 Love INC clearinghouse volunteers= 337
 Love INC clearinghouse volunteer hours= 2,014
 Church volunteers= 175
 Church volunteer hours= 661

Love Story-

A client called Love INC for a bus pass. He is a janitor so he faxed his information for verification to us from work. We were not able to give him a month pass but we offered bus tokens. He relies on the bus for his transportation. When he came to the office, we had the privilege of praying with him for the Lord to bless him body, soul and spirit. We encouraged him that he has a future and hope. That God loved him and will supply all his needs. In return, he responded by asking God to bless Love INC because he received so much help from us. He thanked God for the changes in his life since January 1st and the job that he felt was one that he would not be laid off from. He was especially thankful for having this job in this economy. His appreciation and thankfulness given in a childlike prayer is what makes us know that Love INC is the heart of our Father.

Submitted by intake worker Linda

Together, we can accomplish more than we can alone.

“Preparing God’s people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:12



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Partnering Churches

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
1. Bethel Baptist	Pastor Erickson
2. Cargill United Methodist	Pastor Wells
3. Emmanuel Free Methodist	Pastor Grimmes
4. Faith Community	Pastor Williams
5. First Lutheran	Pastor Melvin
6. Foundation Bible	Pastor Wolf
7. Grace Ministries	Pastor Bachmeyer
8. Harvesters Church	Pastor Hartley
9. Janesville Wesleyan	Pastor Benjestorf
10. Liberty Christian	Pastor Elland
11. Midwest Christian	Pastor Carney
12. New Life Assembly	Pastor Jackson
13. River Hills Community	Pastor Swanson
14. Rock Assembly of God	Pastor Dissmore
15. Roxbury Church of Christ	Pastor Grice
16. Salvation Army	Capt. Schnetz
17. Turning Point	Pastor Zillman
18. Trinity Free Lutheran	Pastor Cherney
19. City of Hope	Pastor Berlin
20. Hope Lutheran	Pastor Powell

A friendly word from a partnering church

For two successive years, New Life Assembly was one of many churches that helped host a "Day of Compassion" for Janesville and the people of Rock County. Thousands of people were given bags of groceries, haircuts, health screenings, and much more all for free. As an outgrowth of that very effective outreach, twenty area churches decided to help "Day of Compassion" evolve into something that could and would serve the needs of the disadvantaged in our community nearly every day of the year. Today "Day of Compassion" is called LOVE INC. As a pastor, I see LOVE INC as a safety net. While the church that I pastor, cares for and helps those who are struggling, we still can't help everyone. LOVE INC takes up the slack. We provide food. Another church helps with clothes. Then another group helps with transportation or shelter for the homeless. LOVE INC brings us together and enables each of us to do more than we could ever hope to do alone. In short, LOVE INC is a very Christian response to human need. I wholeheartedly endorse LOVE INC. I am pleased that New Life Assembly of God is a participating church.

Sincerely,

Michael Jackson
Senior Pastor
New Life Assembly of God