

Delta Community Presbyterian Church

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Mission and Vision Leadership Presbytery of San Francisco 545 Ashbury Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

To the Mission and Vision Leadership:

After many weeks of thought and prayer, our Missions Committee chose a project on which to use our very generous gift of \$5,000. Delta Community Presbyterian Church has been part of an ecumenical food pantry for years, so we were well aware of the area with the greatest need near us. We partnered with New Covenant Church, which is in the center of the area we wanted to reach. This church in Bethel Island had the perfect campus for our event. They were thrilled to be a part of it.

On November 18, 2017, we held what we called a "Free Market". We gave away clothing, blankets, towels, tarps, Bibles, toiletries, and much more to the homeless and "nearly homeless". We purchased a lot of items, but so much more was donated. Letters sent to many surrounding churches brought us volunteers from eight different congregations, about 60 people in all.

Our emphasis was to share and show Jesus' love to people who may not know Him, but really need Him. We were planning for 100 guests, but had nearly 300! In God's miraculous way, we had plenty for everyone. It was as great a blessing to the volunteers as to those we served.

We have set the date (November 3, 2018) and have begun planning the next "Free Market" with our new friends at New Covenant Church. We are hoping to make it even better!

Sincerely,

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Missions Elder