



People for Fairness Coalition's 6th Annual Homeless Memorial Vigil

Thursday, December 20th

5 - 7 pm

Opening service and candlelight procession

Luther Place Memorial Church

1226 Vermont Ave NW

Remembering our
brothers 'n sisters
who died while
homeless

Thursday, December 20th - Friday, December 21st

7 pm - 9 am (dinner and breakfast available)

Overnight vigil

Freedom Plaza

Pennsylvania Ave NW at 14th St NW

Friday, December 21st

9 - 11 am

Advocacy training and walk-around

Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW

12 pm

Lunch and memorial service

New York Ave Presbyterian Church

1313 New York Ave NW

Donate at:

**[www.pffcdc.org/
donate](http://www.pffcdc.org/donate)**

Questions?

**Contact Janet Sharp
at (240) 204-0867**



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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT PFFC's 2018 VIGIL

- 1. Provide a financial contribution to cover anticipated expenses of \$6,000 to \$7,000 to cover:**

Rental of tent, chairs, tables

Rental of Porta Potty

Dinner for up to 150 individuals

Breakfast for 100 individuals

Individual packages of hats, gloves, socks, scarf, thermal underwear and/or gift card

Supplies ¹

Stipends

Posters

- 2. Donate either dinner or breakfast**
- 3. Assist us with fund raising**
- 4. Assist us to arrange for media coverage of key events.**
- 5. Encourage members of your community to attend the vigil**

¹ Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk, sugar, cups, plates, plastic cutlery, napkins, snacks, garbage bags, replacement lanterns, candles for memorial service and for candlelight procession.

PRIOR VIGILS TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT DIED ON THE STREETS

(www.pffcdc.org/what-we-do/vigils)



The National Coalition on Homelessness (NCH) has for several years organized memorial services in Washington DC and other cities in the US in December close to the shortest day of the year (the Solstice) to honor individuals who died on the streets during the year. In 2013 NCH approached PFC with the idea of expanding the focus to include an event the day before and the

day of the memorial service in order to bring wider attention to the plight of individuals without housing in DC. PFC gladly took this on.

To date PFC, with NCH, has organized four Vigils: one held on December 19 and 20 of 2013; the second on December 18/19 of 2014, the third on December 17/18 of 2015; and the most recent on December 20/21, 2016. Vigils have become progressively larger (in number of participants) and comprehensive (in number of activities). Each year has seen an increase in sponsors and collaborators, funding, and media coverage.

PFFC'S Fifth VIGIL: 2017

On Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22, 2017, PFFC held its fifth annual vigil to remember people who died on the streets in Washington DC during 2017. The Vigil very appropriately is in honor of Michael Stoops, fondly remembered by so many of us, who devoted his life to helping the homeless and who himself passed away this year.



Following tradition of prior years, the Vigil began at 5 pm with a service at Luther Church with over 150 in attendance. Following the service participants carried out a police-escorted candlelight march down 13th St. to a large tent erected at Freedom Plaza. Following dinner there was an open-mike where people spoke, sang, read poetry remembering those who had died on the streets during 2017. Following an "overnight challenge" (spending the night in sleeping bags in the tent) and breakfast on Friday, December 22 participants did a walk-around to the offices DC Council Members where they presented a series of asks. Following the walk-around participants

regrouped in front of the tent at Freedom Plaza for a police-escorted march, with an empty casket symbolizing those who died on the streets, up 14th St to the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church where participants were given lunch. Lunch was followed by a memorial service, co-hosted by PFFC and the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH), where the names of everyone who died on the streets or in shelters in 2017 were read. The Vigil culminated with a smaller group who took the casket to a garden in front of Luther Place Church where the ashes of Mitch Snyder and other homeless individuals are buried.

Five DC Council Members (Nadeau, Grosso, Gray, Bonds, Robert White) joined in and spoke at different times during the Vigil. The Vigil was covered by most of DC's TV and radio media.