Citygate Network exploring Christian camps and conference centers as a Coronavirus quarantine solution

Citygate Network President John Ashmen has reached out to Gregg Hunter, the CEO of Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA), to see if any of that organization’s many members would be open to providing quarantine locations for those in the homeless community that Citygate Network members are serving.

Youth camps and adult conference centers have beds. They have showers. They have kitchens and dining rooms. They have medical facilities (although limited). They are remote (away from population centers). Unfortunately, these places are empty right now. Church retreats have been cancelled. School outdoor education programs have been cancelled. The prospects for a normal summer camp and conference season are diminishing daily. FEMA money might be available to reimburse camps and conference centers.

John ran the idea past U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Robert Marbut yesterday. Robert shared it with the HUD leaders; they loved the idea. A call is being set up for Monday with Citygate Network, CCCA, and USICH for taking this to the next step.

If you would be open to using a camp or conference center relatively close to you, please contact Alice Gifford at agifford@citygatenetwork.org. In the meantime, if you want to explore this yourself, go to www.ccca.org and search their membership for a location near you.