



**Order of Malta
American Association
New Jersey Area**

Order of Malta Mobile Ministries New Jersey





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Background

- Mobile Ministries is a Hospitaller Support “function” allowing the Order of Malta to expand its capability by bringing services to people and places in need that are underserved or difficult to serve due to their remote nature. It and of itself, it is an active mobile operation.
- Mobile Ministries was introduced in and initially adopted by the Western Association. The American Association introduced this in 2020 with a pilot in St. Louis and announced it as a signature project of the American Association with additional Areas to be added over time.
- Activities are conducted through a centralized 501c(3) structure administered under the Western Association and any participating Area of the American Association will be granted a seat on the Board to help maintain operational consistency and promote learning and project development through the sharing of ideas and experiences.
- At the request of Hospitaller, Ken Craig, and under Karol and Christine’s leadership, the New Jersey Hospitallers have been studying this concept in order to determine if this operation is feasible to adopt in the New Jersey Area. Included in that decision are the following are the following questions:
 - What Hospitaller Ministries could be aided by this endeavor?
 - What kind of Commitment would be needed on the part of Members?
 - What would the Operation look like?
 - What would this Cost?
 - How would this benefit the New Jersey Area?



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Area Needs – Phase I (50 Mile Radius of Morristown)

- **Malteser Partnership – Mobile Vaccine Clinics**
 - Malteser has medical registrations that allow the Organization to order and provide vaccines and other medications. It is looking to further develop a partnership started in NY providing vaccines particularly in communities traditionally underserved in this endeavor.
 - Needed: Trained (people certified in giving shots) and non-trained volunteers.
- Metuchen – In home vaccinations to homebound and persons with disabilities serviced by Diocese of Metuchen Office of Persons with Disabilities
- Newark – St. John's Clinic – Provide vaccinations to the client serviced by St. John's Clinic in Newark, particularly elderly and people who are homebound.
- Paterson – The Diocese of Paterson would be looking to provide vaccinations to clients served by their Food pantries in central and remote locations.



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Area Needs – Phase I (Continued)

- Metuchen
 - Office for Persons with Disabilities – St Elizabeth’s Church, Far Hills
 - Event support and ad hoc movement of food and supplies to homebound disabled clients
 - Diocesan Social Ministries – distribution of supplies to satellite locations difficult to service
 - Food and supplies to remote locations such as Philipsburg and areas difficult to serve
 - Rutgers Catholic Center
 - Malta Walks / St. Peter’s Church Foodbank – distribute food and hygiene supplies to homeless communities in New Brunswick, Flemington, Phillipsburg and Perth Amboy
- Newark
 - Community Foodbank of NJ – delivery of food to elderly homebound, delivery of Fresh produce, ad hoc pop up pantries to remote, underserved locations
 - St Anne’s Kitchen and Pantry – delivery of food and supplies to homebound. Move food from Clinton and other Produce Farms looking to service inner city poor who have little access to fresh prduce.
 - St John’s Health Clinic – delivery of vaccine, food and supplies remotely
 - ID Program – expand services through mobile capability not relying on one Newark location at St. Anne’s.



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Area Needs – Phase I – (Continued)

- Paterson – Diocese of Paterson Catholic Charities
 - Food Backpack Program – delivery of food prepared to Diocesan center
 - Pick up Food and Hygiene Supplies from churches, service organizations and corporate partners
 - Chatham - St Patrick,
 - Clifton - St. Andrew, St. Brendan, Sacred Heart
 - Kinelon - Magnificat
 - Mendham - St. Joseph
 - Mountain Lakes - St. Catherine
 - Wayne - Annunciation
 - Pick up donated clothing at various sponsored drives
 - Pick up toys and learning supplies for children helped by Catholic Charities
 - Ad Hoc requests for furniture and small household items for immediate use in programs
 - Transport donated items from Catholic Schools encouraged to sponsor service projects supporting Catholic Charities needs.
 - Under Consideration – Expand Malta Walks delivery of food and Hygiene supplies to homeless communities in Morristown and Paterson / Potential mobilization of services offered by Fr. English Center.



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Area Needs – Phase II (Under Consideration)

- Trenton
 - Delivery of Food and Supplies to elderly, persons with disabilities and homebound
 - Malteser Partnership – vaccine clinics
- Camden
 - Under consideration

NOTE: This would be Signature Project for New Jersey and while we continue to manage according to Diocesan / Hospitaller Area, this is a New Jersey Ministry



Order of Malta Mobile Ministries – New Jersey – Implementation Schedule





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Implementation and Project Management

- Project Management
 - Mobile Ministry Coordinator (MMC)
 - Partner with Hospitallers reporting to Area Chair
 - Potential Board Member on 501c3
 - Partners with Area Treasurer for financial matters including insurance bills, maintenance and miscellaneous expenses
 - Manages Overall Schedule
 - Coordinate Drivers and training
 - Ensure Vehicle readiness including cleanliness, maintenance
 - Partners with Area Communications Chair and Hospitallers regarding all necessary communications
 - Measure Program success with Hospitallers reportable to the Area Chair and Area Leadership quarterly
 - Hospitallers
 - Responsible for overall management of all Mobile Ministries under their specific Area
 - Responsible for establishing secure location during periods of use
 - Responsible for sourcing eligible drivers and other volunteers for Mobile Ministries
 - Other Committee Members may be added as needed responsible to the Hospitallers and to MMC



Order of Malta Mobile Ministries - NJ Preliminary Operating Budget								
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total	
Capital *	75,000							\$ 75,000
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Operating Expenses								
Insurance	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 16,500
Gen Liability	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500		\$ 2,750
D&O	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500		\$ 2,750
Fuel	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 27,500
Maintenance	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,500		\$ 16,750
Cleaning	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 11,000
Total Operating	\$ 6,750	\$ 13,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500		\$ 77,250
G/T Fixed/Oper	\$ 81,750	\$ 13,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500		\$ 152,250
Project Specific								
Water	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 11,000
Blankets	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		\$ 8,250
Food	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 27,500
Hygiene	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 16,500
Project Total	\$ 5,750	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500		\$ 63,250
Mobile Ministry Total	\$ 87,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,500	\$ 25,000		\$ 215,500
Notes: Capital Expense Ford Transit Van with Refridgeration for food transport								



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Area Support

- Mobile Ministries is a capital intensive, long term commitment. Members support assessment will need to be reviewed quickly. Some Areas are considering assessing local dues and each year's expenses are not equivalent. Fundraising outside membership only should be considered as well as corporate matching sponsorship and all forms of acceptable public support.
- Volunteer Support
 - Drivers - Vetted, approved drivers need to be identified and assigned (2 per Diocesan Hospitaller location plus coordinator)
 - Passenger - One passenger should accompany drivers
 - Site Volunteers - Each Project will need coordinated volunteers to assist on site
- Financial Support
 - Capital Support - Initial Van purchased by American Association. NJ members may want to assist with that purchase and assist in purchasing additional vehicles over time as memorials
 - Operating Support - Ongoing project maintenance

For consideration: As New Jersey increases the number of charities it works with, greater needs will become apparent and the level of support desired by members will likely grow as a result.



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Committee

New Jersey Hospitallers

- Camden - Joe Hong, MD, KM
- Metuchen - Mike Ligorano, KM
- Newark - Troy Simmons, KM
- Paterson - Sue and Bob Sameth, KM
- Trenton - Karen and Bob Tanzola, KM

- Coordinator - TBD



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FAQs

- How will this be funded?
 - Presently, the association envisions a shared expense with the Areas
- How many people are needed?
 - A minimum of 2 people per event. Driver and passenger
- Who can be a Driver and how are they insured?
 - This project will operate under the Western Association program. All Drivers must be registered.
 - No un-registered person is permitted to drive. Western Association will carry insurance policy
 - Drivers are not required to be members, but it is preferable
- Can we assist people in taking them to Mass, to medical appointments, etc.?
 - No. Transportation of people is not permitted under the guidelines of the Program.
- I am no longer able to physically drive. Can I still assist?
 - Yes, depending on the project, other volunteers will always be needed
 - If all else fails, financial support is always welcome.



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Background

- The Order of Malta in the United States had for many years adopted a quiet, non-public posture in its direct activities and in the many charities it supported. While such humility may be a personal grace, this has posed a challenge with respect to describing the Order of Malta and most especially in attracting new members, auxiliary and other volunteers.
- In 2010, New Jersey created a restricted fund of approximately \$10,000 to create a signature project for the Area owned and operated as Order of Malta. It was felt, that the grant process, while a wonderful charitable endeavor, was funding projects as a pass-through to charities it members could and often did contribute to independently. The fund was dissolved following Association level guidance.
- In 2020, the Association authorized the pursuit of Mobile Ministries to be conducted through a centralized 501c(3) administered under the Western Association and has requested Areas consider adopting this project as a potential Signature Project of the Order in the United States.
- New Jersey Hospitallers believe such a project will invigorate the membership, create a Signature Project in New Jersey, allow visibility of the Order, increase opportunities for hands on ministry, allow for the growth of existing projects and an increase in the overall scope of projects and lastly, provide a public view into the charism of the Order of Malta and therein, hopefully, increase membership organically. New Jersey Hospitallers have reviewed the potential of providing Mobile services within the Metuchen, Newark and Paterson Dioceses and have received overwhelming support and enthusiasm for filling many gaps within existing services.



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Items Under Discussion

- Western Assoc. Corporation Financials / Western Area Expenses
- Vehicle Insurance Details
- Standards for Drivers (issued by Corporation)
- Additional Area liability coverage under American Association
- Corporation Operating Standards
- Potential Growth in New Jersey and likely expansion
 - Additional Units to Service Trenton and Camden, Additional Unit in Northern NJ



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Fund Raising

- New Jersey Members contributing to the Association Capital Campaign may request a percentage of contributions be directed toward Mobile Ministries
- New Jersey members may contribute directly to the New Jersey Area and direct and matching funds where eligible
- Future Association Grants may be directed toward Mobile Ministries



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