



# Mid-Hudson Love INC

## Love In the Name of Christ

*Building Relationships • Restoring Hope • Transforming Lives*

### Our Mission

To engage local churches  
to transform lives  
and our community  
In the Name of Christ

### Redemptive Compassion Core Principles

Everyone has value.

We are called to invest relationally  
in each other.

Everyone has capacity and potential.

Mutual participation is important.

We must use wisdom and discernment.

What we do should transform.

### Save the Date!

Join us for an Evening of  
*Contemporary Worship Music*



**Saturday, November 9, 2019 • 7:00 pm**

Changepoint Church  
260 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Featuring local worship teams and vocalists

Free will offering will be received to benefit  
Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ  
[www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org](http://www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org)



### Director's Message

**Carley Andrews, Executive Director**

The temperatures are beginning to drop and the leaves are beginning to fall from the trees. Ah yes, things are starting to change. At Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ, we are planning for the Holidays and setting goals for 2020. Also, our Relational Ministry classes are winding down for the year. This will allow volunteers to enjoy the Holiday Season and come back in 2020 rejuvenated and ready to go!

In 2020, we will be taking a new approach to our Relational Ministry schedule. We will have three trimesters throughout the year, with strategic breaks in between so that volunteers can have time to pause. Our first trimester will begin mid January and classes will be held on Saturday mornings! We will be in need of drivers, child care workers, individuals to provide incentives for class attendees, and more! There are so many ways to plug into ministry that can fit even the craziest of schedules. If you have questions of what area of ministry might be a good fit for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss options.

As we approach the end of the year and set goals for 2020, we are believing God for big things. As we have seen God work in individuals' lives, we know there is so much more work to be done. And that does come at a cost. If you move to the end of this newsletter, there is a pledge form. Your gift of any amount helps us continue to build transformative relationships that restore hope to people who struggle to find it. Please review the giving options and consider giving to the ministry of Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ.

### Love Stories

**Grief & Loss Class Participant** (Name changed for confidentiality)

One of the participants, Robin, who recently completed the Grief & Loss class series discussed her experience with a volunteer. Robin said she liked 'bonding with the other women' in class as they shared about their grief and the time with women who are going through similar situations. Robin said the most meaningful part of class is the women sharing with one another. It meant a lot to know that she is not alone in her grief. When asked what she learned through this class series, Robin told the volunteer, 'I learned not to feel guilty that I did not do enough' for her loved one when they were with her. Robin now has hope that she will see her loved one again in heaven. Additionally, Robin offered her thanks and gratefulness for all the people of Love INC have done for her and her family.

**Michele James, Grief & Loss Class Coordinator**

I appreciate the opportunity given to share my experience with the Grief and Loss group this past month. It was amazing to witness the heart of God being poured out for all of us. The women were very compassionate and real on expressing where they found themselves at the moment of grief. God's word makes a difference and brings us hope to each area of our lives. Understanding God's love is the key to live an abundant Life with Jesus Christ and we've recognized that. Listening to their plans to move forward was encouraging.

**Lauri Gruen, Grief & Loss Class Facilitator**

"What an absolute blessing and privilege it was to experience the move of God in these precious women's lives. As they yielded to the Spirit of the Living God, He was faithful to heal broken places in their hearts."

# Redemptive Compassion in the Church and Community

Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ began this year saying that we really were going to dig into Redemptive Compassion. The response to the material has been amazing. Four local churches have hosted small groups with their leadership teams and/or congregations, our Executive Director has led 2 small groups with Love INC volunteers from a mix of churches, and our Board of Directors has spent time wrestling with the principles each month at meetings. As an organization and as a ministry, the vision of Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ is to see Christians united in service through Redemptive Compassion. Relational work is not always the easiest approach but it's always the right approach, and it's usually the most restorative one as well.

"If Redemptive Compassion was just a fancier way of saying "no" to people, I wouldn't be interested. But Redemptive Compassion is a way to say a better, stronger, more impactful "yes" to people that Jesus loves and wants to help out of the cycle of poverty and depression that they are in. And I'm all for that." - Pastor House, New Beginnings

"The Redemptive Compassion principles which we have discussed in our class have been challenging and revealing and will influence our response to requests for help. The course has a solid biblical foundation and has reminded us that God is at work in every situation drawing closer to himself both those in need and those who help." - Pastor Hanchett, Immanuel Church



Pastor House leading Redemptive Compassion at New Beginnings

## Want to help foster transformation in someone's life? Invest in a life by forming a Coaching relationship!



Coaches will encourage and instruct individuals in need as they make progress on dreams and make action steps to complete those dreams. Coaches will help individuals work toward a place of greater financial literacy. The relationship a Coach can build with the individual they are matched with will vary depending on their presenting needs. However, the objective of this initial training session is to introduce those interested in Coaching with some of the resources they may use.

Training will be led by:

- Carley Andrews, Executive Director of Love INC, who will educate participants in the principles of Affirming Potential.
- Steve Jones of Thrivent Financial who will walk us through some great money management tools and resources to be used when working with client matches.
- Jewel Ratzlaff, Love INC Volunteer Coordinator, who will discuss expectations and guidelines of the Coach-Participant relationship.

Contact Carley at [director@mhinc.org](mailto:director@mhinc.org) for more info or to register.

*"Life without meaning has no hope. Life without hope has no faith. If you find a way to contribute, you will find your meaning, and hope and faith will naturally follow and accompany you into your future."* Nick Vujicic

## Pledge Form

I pledge to give the following for one year:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly = \_\_\_\_\_ Annually
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly = \_\_\_\_\_ Annually
- \_\_\_\_\_ One -Time Annual Donation

### Additional ways to donate:

- Visit [www.Mid-HudsonLoveINC.org](http://www.Mid-HudsonLoveINC.org) to donate online automatically.
- Speak to your bank to set up automatic payments.
- Give anywhere, anytime by texting an amount to 914-303-7773.

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