

Statement of Educational Purpose for LPFM Station

Calvary Chapel of Lima is a non-stock, non-profit corporation which was chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio on April 16, 2005. As a nonprofit educational and religious corporate entity, it is tax-exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

As an educational and religious organization, our efforts are focused on providing educational services to the Lima community as well as the surrounding area. One recent example of such was a seminar we held onsite in which we invited a representative from the State of Ohio Family Services Department to speak on the subject of human trafficking. Additionally, members of our congregation took part in an awareness raising 3 day event at the local Ohio State University campus, where informational brochures were distributed detailing ways to address the rise in human trafficking in Ohio.

We are also a hands-on congregation, going beyond merely training onsite to engaging our local community by working with and financially supporting local organizations who work with homeless men, at-risk and homeless women, and young people. Members of our congregation visit and teach men in the local prison system, county jail system, and court-ordered drug rehabilitation organizations. Members are involved in a traveling ministry that goes every Tuesday evening in the summer months to a local housing project to work with low income families and children. After recent flooding members have traveled to the village of Ottawa to assist in the clean-up and rebuilding of homes and lives.

Calvary Chapel of Lima strives to stay abreast of social trends and problems in order to be more effective in our mission. For example, we have a presence in the local Lima school system through a mentoring program for minority youth. Issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, crime, depression and suicide, and many other issues youth face today are discussed frankly and coping and overcoming skills are presented.

Many problems can be prevented with early intervention so we offer, by means of classes and study groups, counseling sessions to help individuals and groups/families with issues such as pre-marital and marital counseling, financial counseling, parental and child-rearing counseling, drug addiction and abuse counseling, and crisis counseling.

A LPFM radio station will assist us in expanding the awareness of these free counseling and assistance programs by:

- Enabling us to broadcast information about the availability of our studies and educational seminars.
- Broadcast the same programs, discussions, and studies discussed above to people in the surrounding community not able to make it to the venue site on the day and time of the original event.
- Provide information about other local organizations equipped to assist with specific issues people in our surrounding community face on a daily basis.

Calvary Chapel of Lima is eager to expand upon our work in Lima and the surrounding community. Currently we offer on a weekly basis the following:

- Food Pantry Ministry - food, clothing and other monetary assistance to the homeless, needy and indigent in our community.
- Counseling to members of our community and congregation and their extended families via in-home, hospital, and nursing home visitation.
- Drug and Alcohol and Rehabilitation Counseling – onsite and offsite through prison, jail, rehabilitation home visits.
- Christian Bible Teaching - Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and special occasions.
- A Bible institute - for people wishing to gain a fuller understanding of Christianity.

Calvary Chapel of Lima is also active in the following activities open to and attended by Lima and the surrounding community:

- Summer vacation bible school.
- Men's and women's retreats.
- Christmas ministry, in which our congregation collects toys and gifts for needy children.
- Community service designees: Allowing members of the community who have received legally-mandated community service hours to fulfill those hours working at our church.
- Handy-Man Ministry: A ministry designed to meet the home repair and/or construction needs of the elderly and those without the funds to complete these projects.

As an independent, non-denominational church, our goal is to address the physical and emotional needs of the Lima community as well as the surrounding area. We will be much more efficient and effective at meeting the needs of this area through a LPFM station. From live broadcasts of counseling services, crisis hotlines, drug and alcohol abuse services, community bulletin boards, and Bible teaching, all produced locally at our studio, a LPFM station will significantly extend our ability to serve the broader community and will provide a voice to and for those that need one most.