

Religious Belief Plan

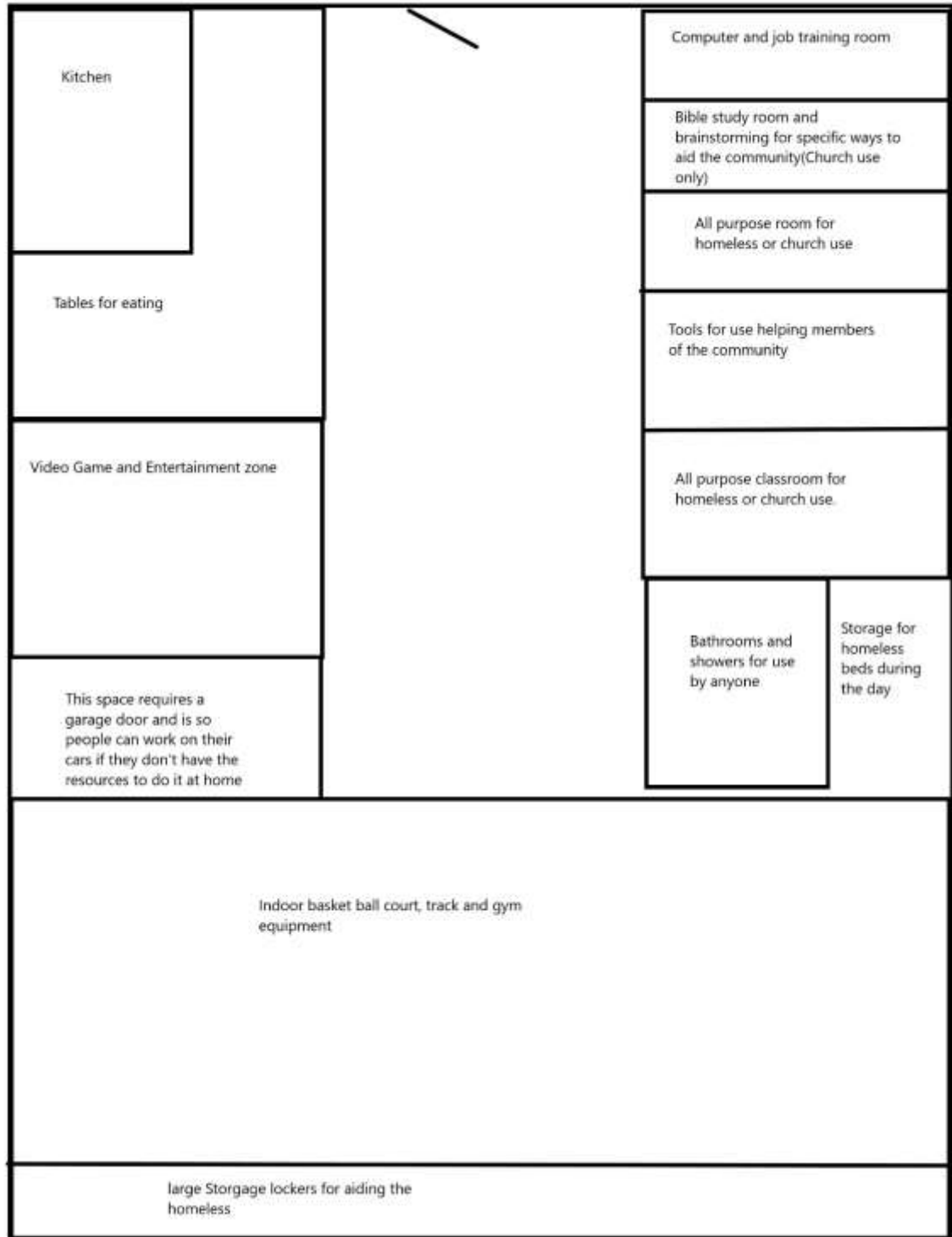
Introduction

This how I envision my religious plan. Even though it started out as my plan for a Christian church, it morphed into an organizational structure that can accommodate any belief structure even no belief structure. I started by creating the standard facility which can be modified for any system and then I created a command structure that requires a minimum of twelve people. If you want a Mosque then those twelve people have to follow Islam. If you want a church then the twelve people must be Christian. A unitarian approach to God allows you to mix and match. Even atheists can chose to use this approach. However, by using the incident command structure with a liaison officer, it will allow all of these groups to be connected without anyone treading on others beliefs. If one of these Churches organizations go astray from the core goal of bettering the community then they will quickly find themselves isolated. It seems to me that the common ground these different belief structures have is a strong approach to the betterment of the community. Instead of people hiding in groups of like-minded people and fearing outsiders, there will be people of all types around that the members are not to try and convert through words but through action.

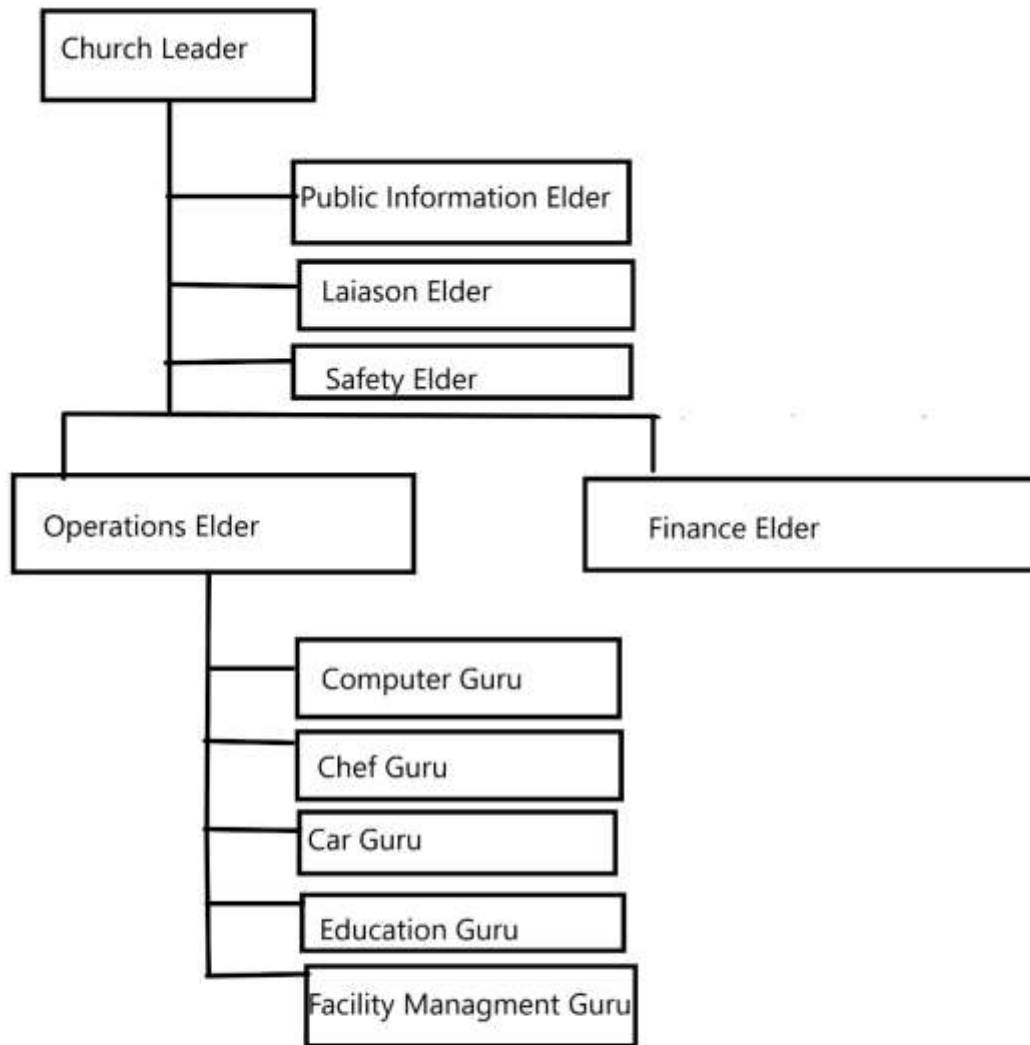
A specific place in the facility will be set aside to discuss religious beliefs but everywhere else in the facility, you can only communicate religious beliefs through action and never words. The population of the other parts of the facility will be heavily populated with the poor and disenfranchised as taking care of these individuals will be a huge part of showing God's mercy so it is designed to be part homeless shelter. This document will take the progression that I took in designing this new approach to God and showing his mercy. I started with the facilities

and progressed to the command structure which I relied heavily on the Incident Command Structure used in emergency management. While there can be as many members as you want the core members must exist and I have tried to give them titles that shouldn't be offensive to any religion. Let's get started.

Facility Layout



Command Structure



Role Descriptions

- **Leader** – He/she is responsible for all decisions that are immediate except for decisions that involve the safety of others. The Safety Elder also shares the responsibility of removing people who are a danger to the peace of the facility. Non-immediate decisions fall to a majority vote by the elders which is why there are five of them. While you can have as many Guru's as you want, elders must always number five and be replaced immediately when a slot empties. If there are four then the leader will be allowed to vote for the replacement.
- **Public Information Elder** – He/she is responsible for keeping the community apprised of the actions that the religious body is taking to help the community as well as information collection on new things that can be done to help. Finally, he maintains the bulletin board that will list all the requests for help that members of the community make.
- **Liaison Elder** – The liaison elder is responsible for maintaining dialogue between the local government as well as any other religious body that also possesses a liaison elder. While my church has an auto-shop and kitchen in an effort to teach the skills of auto repair and cooking, another religious body may have doctors donating their time or specialize in teaching sewing to help make the poor more employable. This elder is responsible to generate and make mutual aid agreements. If one of my homeless gets ill then I will bring that person to

them and if one of their homeless needs food then we will provide food.

- Safety Elder – Is responsible to maintain all things in a safe way. If anything is unsafe from people to facilities, It is their responsibility to correct the situation immediately.
- Finance Elder – This elder is responsible for all things money and if needed, he can make a Legal Guru. Say someone comes in and donates a thousand dollars and as a gift for their generosity, he provides them with six months of oil changes. He is responsible to make sure that the gifts never exceed the value of the donation as well as making that all money is spent on the greater good. Regardless of religious beliefs, it is a nonprofit.
- Operations Elder – The operations elder sees to it that all things run smoothly.
- Computer Guru – The homeless will have to donate a portion of their time in exchange for their services. The computer guru is to train them on technology necessary to survive as well as tracking their progress while maintaining resumes for each person in the shelter. The goal is to give them a path to independence. Building resumes for the homeless is an important part of getting them back on their feet. Also, he will man a phone that homeless can give when applying for a job.

This gives people who can't afford a phone a contact number that they can use to find employment.

- Chef Guru – The kitchen will be a twenty-four by seven operation. Their goal will be to provide food to anyone who needs it. They will train anyone who is interested in food preparation and provide some food as incentives to donate. They will train and certify in food preparation and kitchen and restaurant management.
- Car Guru – He will provide hands on training to the homeless, church members, and anyone who asks. He certifies the hands-on portion and hour interview of the certification process.
- Education Guru -This person will be responsible for certifying and proctoring certification tests. Each certification will require a written test, a hands-on number of hours, and an hour-long interview by the Guru. They will also provide classes in whatever they deem that they or their staff can teach. There will be a perpetual voluntary course on the religion or religions represented in the elders and leader. They will only be responsible for proctoring the test portion of the certification process and providing the results to the computer guru for addition to the individual resume. Before a person can be certified in anything, they will have to pass a lecture and certification on basic morality and ethics. The public information elder must make the contents of the lecture and

test available to the public. This will always be the first certification awarded by the religious body.

- Facility Management Guru – He/she maintains the facility and teaches maintenance to anyone who is interested. He also recruits from the homeless to help maintain the facilities of any elderly, ill or infirm people in the community at large. He delivers a report to the computer Guru so that resumes can be updated with new skills. And has certifications in all manner of maintenance from plumbing to house painting.

Code of conduct

The code of conduct is that everyone is to be clean and treat everyone else with dignity and respect. No profanity or belittling of any religion. There is only to be religious conversation in designated areas at designated times. You are in an environment where your actions should identify your beliefs. If someone needs help and you can help then you are required to do so.

Infractions will be handled by the safety elder or leader. Penalties can range from warning to expulsion. Three warnings in a month is immediate expulsion until the elders vote unanimously that return is acceptable.