

# Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation

540 Crescent NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

## Food Pantry Enrollment Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to another pantry? Yes                  No

Do you have transportation to pick up food? Yes                  No

Annual family income, including welfare, social services, or retirement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Income for the past three months (last month is month #3, before that is month #2, etc.)

Month #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Month # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Month # 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Household Expenses:

Rent/House payment: & \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electric: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gas: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (medical bills, etc.)? yes                  no                  If yes, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family: Dependent Children

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear HNRC member,

The Bible often speaks of the church as the family of God. When one member suffers, all members suffer; when one member rejoices, all members rejoice. This unity is prerequisite for healthy congregational life. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." We are also called to be faithful stewards of what the Lord has given us and entrusted to our care. May it ever be our prayer that the Lord will supply all our needs to the end that we will have every reason to thank and praise Him.

The deacons are daily presented with the fearful realities of poverty and distress. Some are called to carry burdens of loss of health, others loss of possessions, others financial, and still others suffer from spiritual burdens. The solution to these ills can never be found with the state. The only answer to all our ills can be found in the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

The deacons are required to demonstrate a personal interest in those whom they seek to serve. Our concerns are never limited to extending some financial assistance. Thus the Church Order specifies that we visit the poor in order that their needs may be evaluated and that we comfort the distressed with the promises of the Word. This requires frank and free discussion of the intimate circumstances of the needy.

The deacons will not betray your confidence. We ask you to pray for us, that we may with all our human imperfections, discharge our office faithfully as in the sight of Christ Jesus. Above all, we the deacons, and you whom we are seeking to help, must realize with a strong consciousness, that the ministry of mercy we seek to carry on is being done in the name, strength, and spirit of the merciful Savior.

To this end we seek to help you, remembering that man lives not by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The Lord add His richest blessings to you and yours.

The Deacons

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## **Food Pantry Guidelines**

- 1) The purpose of the Food Pantry is to provide temporary benevolent support to families of our congregation. Families from our local community may also be supplied by our congregation pending approval by the deacons. In addition, this would include needy families that are sending their children to the Sunday School, and/or attending our services.
- 2) The benevolent treasurer and his assistant are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Food Pantry. They will determine, according to these guidelines, which families will be allowed to participate in the Food Pantry. In an emergency situation, any of the deacons may authorize a one-time food allotment.
- 3) Generally benevolent families (such as those who are unemployed, under-employed, or face substantial medical expenses) will be the only participants. Any family that will be using this service must qualify and receive permission from one or both of the above-mentioned deacons.
- 4) The privilege of using the Food Pantry extends only to the immediate family members of the benevolent family (i.e. those dwelling together under the same roof). Under no circumstances is a participating family to distribute food it has received from the Food Pantry to another family. If a participating family is aware of another family's need, the deacons should be contacted.
- 5) The HNRC Enrollment form must be completed and kept on file. These names will also go on a master computer at ACCESS. Any changes of information already given on the HNRC Enrollment form, may affect qualifications and must be reported as soon as possible. Special dietary needs such as diabetes should be included on the form.
- 6) The Food Pantry is a means of assisting with a family's grocery needs and should not be viewed as a source for that family's entire dietary requirements.
- 7) Variety of items may be limited by the availability of food at the Second Harvest Gleaners.
- 8) Quantities will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of \_\_\_\_\_ per adult and \_\_\_\_\_ per child, on a weekly/monthly basis.

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Last Change Date:

## Michigan TEFAP

2011

The Emergency Food Assistance Program in Michigan  
Income Eligibility Guidelines  
Use upon receipt until further notice

### Under 60 Years of Age

Based on 130 Percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,157	\$1,180	\$273
2	\$19,123	\$1,594	\$368
3	\$24,089	\$2,008	\$464
4	\$29,055	\$2,421	\$559
5	\$34,021	\$2,835	\$655
6	\$38,987	\$3,249	\$750
7	\$43,953	\$3,663	\$846
8	\$48,919	\$4,077	\$941
For each additional family member add	\$4,966	\$414	\$96

### 60 Years of Age and Older

Based on 160 Percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,424	\$1,452	\$335
2	\$23,536	\$1,961	\$453
3	\$29,648	\$2,471	\$570
4	\$35,760	\$2,980	\$688
For each additional family member add	\$6,112	\$509	\$118

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