



GAVIN NEWSOM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

September 17, 2014

The Rev. Lyle J. Beckman, Director
San Francisco Night Ministry
1031 Franklin Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Rev. Beckman,

Congratulations on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the San Francisco Night Ministry, celebrated on November 16, 2014.

The Night Ministry has served the people of San Francisco as the only organization providing person-to-person counseling and outreach in the middle of the night, both in person and over its crisis telephone line, every year, for 365 nights a year, never missing a single night in 50 years.

The organization is the longest continuously operating Night Ministry in the country, sending out ordained clergy from a wide variety of denominations to walk the streets of our city's neighborhoods to counsel with the lonely, the anxious, and the fearful, and to provide crisis intervention and referrals.

The Night Ministry's crisis telephone line was one of only two such life-saving services in existence in San Francisco in 1964, pioneering the existence today of over a dozen crisis lines in the city.

The San Francisco Night Ministry also offers two open-air worship services that bring the same opportunity for counseling to people during the day that they bring at night. They also conduct an annual interfaith service for the homeless of the city who have died, offer other complementary programs, and partner with other nonprofit organizations. Furthermore, the Night Ministry extends its reach to sponsor training programs for those on a path to ministry.

We commend the San Francisco Night Ministry for all its efforts on behalf of hundreds of thousands of people, and salute the organization for 50 years of exemplary service to the people of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Lt. Governor of California