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Urban Christian Ministries is a not-for-profit, tax exempt, inter-denominational, inter-racial, and Christian home missionary organization founded in 1970, committed to serving youth and their families in the inner city of Buffalo.

Urban Christian Ministries is a community based, non-profit organization whose primary goal is to affect a positive change in the lives of the young people whom we serve. Our primary focus is toward the youth who reside within Buffalo's inner-city neighborhoods. Urban Christian Ministries offers a variety of programs designed for youth, 6 through 21 years. We provide an opportunity for young people to learn practical living skills and take part in regular Bible studies. This will guide youth toward a commitment to Jesus Christ, and to be successful individuals. Programs are as follows: Kid Club, Teenage Alternative, Wilderness Weekends, Summer Resident Camp, Block Club Basketball, Mexico Mission Trip, Food Pantry, Bible Correspondence Courses, News Neediest Distribution site, Yard Sale Giveaways, and College Internships.

UCM's Philosophy

1. We believe that the concern of all Christians, as they share together in a vital outreach, will result in the breaking down of many of the social and racial barriers of misunderstanding even as they join hands and resources to achieve significant change.
2. We believe that the vision of many Christians for an often overlooked and sometimes neglected challenge, the home mission can be realized through the work of Urban Christian Ministries.
3. We believe that UCM attempts to reach out to persons before their lives become derelict, an/or they become embroiled in the criminal justice system. We, therefore, serve the community by helping to mold citizens with values that honor God and men, and helping them to become productive members of society.
4. We believe as a home mission we are uniquely placed to not only evangelize but to disciple those who come to know Christ, and then to provide at

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this time beginning training in urban ministry activity.

5. We believe in the servant ministry of Jesus Christ. We believe in the right of all to hear the gospel of Christ, and that Jesus had a special burden for the poor. That He (God) calls His people to bring Good News to the needy.

We believe in the physical rebuilding of the city. We believe in the holistic approach to evangelizing persons for Christ. We believe in the development and training of leadership in the inner-city.

UCM's Mission

To assist the Christian Church in the responsibility of evangelism of youth and their families - providing them with hope through caring relationships and developmental opportunities for the whole person. (spiritual, mental, physical, social)