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Note #4453 from BC BROADCAST - DOUG to BC BROADCAST:

A message from Susan Lindenberger:

I've just returned [Friday, October 11] from my second visit to the "Woodward's Squat" - the demonstration holding the government accountable for affordable housing for the poor. They are well organized, but drawing many homeless beyond the original housing demonstration. Last night without warning, the two portable toilet units which had been rented were removed, "because they didn't provide for the sanitation needs; four units are required." The concern is that this will be used as an excuse to close down the protest.

To rent 4 units for a month will cost \$645. Then there are \$360 a week maintenance costs.

With several phone calls I have \$400 promised, so will underwrite the rental for the four units. Similar to the residential school lunches, I will set up an accountability system at conference office for any checks sent to me, which will be acknowledged with Thanksgiving.

Other needs are pasta sauce, paper plates and foam cups, and sleeping bags, which can simply be dropped off at the "office" at the corner of Hastings and Abbott.

Perhaps I should add a note that I double checked with First United to make sure they support the protest action at Woodward's. They do.

Secondly, I have talked with Simone Carrodus of Global and Societal Concerns for BC Conference, and she not only supports my effort, she will act as the channel through which I will be accountable for all monies received.

Checks should come to me:
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A Prayer based on one from Nancy Cocks of the Iona Community:

Loving God
May those who are homeless find shelter;
May those who have homes find room in their hearts for compassion;
May those who are hungry have bread;
May those who have bread hunger for justice.
In the name of the One who is the Bread of Life, Amen.

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