

A MINISTRY FOR THE MARGINALIZED

Jim Clark-Moore began

getting to know homeless men and women who gathered on the streets, in parks, and fast food restaurants near his home in San Jose in 2012. As he came to know different cohorts of homeless folks, he was moved by their struggle to exist in a county known more for its wealth than for its destitute. *When it became clear to Jim that God was calling him to minister to the homeless, he began meeting*



with individuals at soup kitchens, and taking them to 12 step meetings, hospitals, and social service providers as needed. The men and women he works with refer to him as their pastor and ask him to pray with, and for, them. In early 2014, he was asked to preside over a memorial service in a public park for one of his "congregants." In the spring of 2014, he began visiting folks living in the Jungle homeless encampment. He has worked with interfaith homeless coalitions and the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues since 2013. He is very excited about launching **Encompass**, a Lutheran ministry that seeks to embrace our brothers and sisters living on the streets.