Disciples’ Ministry sponsors food give-away

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Since August of 1992 the Disciples Ministry Church has been passing out food in south Minneapolis in the area of 24th and 15th Avenue. The food giveaway takes place on Friday afternoons between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you go there during this time you will find a long line of people waiting eagerly to be served by these volunteers.

According to Pastor Paul Annapolis of the Disciples’ Ministry Church, the implementation of such a service comes after requests from the community and an obvious need. He stated, "I love serving people that are in need and because of the large crowds, I will continue to serve them."

The people waiting in line expressed how happy they were for this food giveaway program and hoped it would continue. Deloris Borden and Emma Hatfield, both elders who live near the location, stated that the extra food helps to keep their cupboards full.

Volunteers Bernie Peake and Richard Richey explained that they often deliver food to families who don’t have transportation. Pastor Annapolis said that there was over a hundred thousand pounds of food passed out each Friday. About half of that amount is produce.

He also stated that this isn’t the only location where the church gives food away. On Tuesdays, they serve the people of north Minneapolis at the site of the Disciples’ Ministry Church, 1000 Oliver Avenue North. There, they provide additional services such as hot meals and a clothing give-away. Pastor Annapolis said that the public can call him or his assistant, Jim, at 321-4663 for more information on those programs.