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- Fulfillment of all requirements of phases one and two
- While demonstrating responsibility in the residence and program, the applicant has a vision for further development as a Christian with spiritual, social, physical, mental and economic goals consistent with Christian principles.
- The applicant will have adequately addressed issues of his past to the degree that they are not significant impairments in his life.
- The applicant has an adequate support system within a Church and through continuing involvement in follow-up groups and counsel in the Mission in order to sustain spiritual focus and growth.

- Education track—attendance at an approved school or training center on a full-time basis with continuing involvement with church and Mission conducted groups for spiritual growth and nurture.
- Employment track—full-time employment with continuance in Church and Mission activities to provide spiritual accountability and nurture.
- Integration track—for the person where education or employment are not viable options. This may involve the participant in volunteer activity, family activity or church related activity with the goal of a planned and gradual reintegration into independent living apart from the residence at the Union Gospel Mission.

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- A man seeking help with an addiction may enter the residential program of the Mission or he may make use of groups and counsel provided without entering the residence.
- The residential program is not the answer for every addicted man, and an effort is made to evaluate the appropriateness of the Mission's residential program for an individual through interviews, group meetings and prayer.

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Upon acceptance into the residential program a man will have made a commitment to a 70-day stay, and be in agreement with the rules and regulations established by the Union Gospel Mission.

- A new resident will be restricted to the building for 14 days (21 days for those having returned to the program after less than 6 months in the community.) During this restricted period only welfare, court and emergency medical appointments approved by the Resident Coordinator will be exceptions to this rule. Church attendance on Sunday will also be exempted from the restriction.
- A man choosing to leave the residential program, or who has been expelled from the program prior to completion of 70 days, will not be eligible for reentry to the program prior to 30 days after leaving.
- Cost of the programs offered by the Union Gospel Mission are covered by gifts and offerings of Christian churches and individuals. The cost of accommodation in the residence is the responsibility of the individual seeking entry to the residential program. If sufficient means are not at his disposal, it is his responsibility to apply for financial assistance from the Provincial Government to cover his accommodation at the Mission.
- The resident in the Mission will have a daily chore assignment to assist in the upkeep and work of the Mission's facilities and programming.
- Attendance at all classes offered is mandatory. Normally this will consist of both Bible classes and Life-Application classes.
- One worship service weekly in a church approved by the Union Gospel Mission is required of all residents. Weekly participation in three other Bible studies, Prayer groups, Overcomers meeting or Chapel services is also required.
- Curfews will be in place for residents. Extensions to such curfews and overnight passes may be applied for by residents after completion of the initial 70-day phase of the program. Exceptions to this regulation will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Program Staff.
- All medication is to be supervised and dispensed by Union Gospel Mission staff. No medication is to be in the possession of the resident, but will be turned in to staff, who will oversee its safe-keeping and use.
- Any appointments outside the Mission facility must be approved by the Resident Coordinator, and every effort made to avoid conflict with class attendance or chore assignments.

Participation in the Men's residential New Life Program is deemed to be a privilege. Demonstration of an unwillingness to participate in facets of the program, or an uncooperative attitude, may result in expulsion from the residence and program.

Some of the obvious indicators of non-cooperation leading to expulsion:

- 1 Theft of property within the Mission or beyond its premises.
- 2 Possession or use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs.
- 3 Breaking of curfew.
- 4 Assault on or uttering threats to another person.
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- Maintaining abstinence and adjusting to daily living without drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc. This will be monitored by drug testing. As part of the New Life Program it is imperative that the participant exercise abstinence from any intimate relationship other than in marriage.
- Developing an understanding of the changes needed to experience the New Life in Christ and learning to appropriate the power of God to effect desired changes. This will be demonstrated through choices exercised by the program participant in day-to-day living.
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