

The Peoples Church of Chicago
Laptop Ministry
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Username: home

Password: password

(change password in “Control Centre”)

Dear Valued Recipient,

On behalf of The Peoples Church of Chicago, I am grateful to provide you with this laptop. Our community's efforts to reduce e-waste make this ministry possible. We hope this antiX Linux Ministry Linux laptop meets your needs.

Getting Started

Upon powering up your refurbished antiX Linux Ministry Linux laptop, it should log in automatically. System changes (e.g., settings, installing applications) require credentials. To change the password or add users:

- Left Click: Menu (bottom left icon)
- Click: User Manager
- Navigate to: Control Centre
- Select: home under "Change user to modify"
- Click: Maintenance tab
- Enter new password and apply

Why Choose Linux?

Linux (e.g., antiX Linux Ministry Linux, Pop!OS) outperforms proprietary systems like Windows or macOS, which may slow down over time and require antivirus software due to virus vulnerabilities. Linux revives older laptops, offers robust security without extra software, and ensures a clean, efficient experience.

Open Source Benefits

Linux's open-source nature means free applications without subscription fees. The supportive Linux community provides extensive online resources for all users.

Better User Experience

Linux offers a familiar interface, free of intrusive ads and forced updates, fostering a productive, stress-free workflow.

Our Values

- Openness
- Social Justice
- Inclusivity
- Religious Freedom
- Community Engagement
- Privacy and Security
- Environmental Responsibility
- Accessibility

Your Linux laptop supports these principles.

Join the Linux Community

Explore your Linux laptop's potential. Join the “Linux: Intro to Expert” Facebook group or the Windy City Linux Users Group (WCLUG) at wclug.chicago.il.us (in-person or remote). We're here to help with any questions. You may also visit social.laptopministry.org for anonymous support. Soon we will also have videos at video.laptopministry.org.

Best regards,

Jason Page

Laptop Ministry at Peoples Church of Chicago

Make: _____ **Model:** _____ **Recip#:** _____

Capabilities Assessment Checklist

- ☐ Can play YouTube videos at _____ quality.
- ☐ Can run _____ apps at once.
- ☐ Has built-in webcam ☐ or can work with external webcam ☐.
- ☐ Ideal for office, email, and book-keeping.
- ☐ Ideal for processor-intensive applications.
- ☐ Ideal for GPU games and video (i.e., GPU power).
- ☐ Has optical drive.
- ☐ Has SD card reader.
- ☐ Has _____ USB ports at _____ version.
- ☐ Has SSD ☐ or HDD ☐ storage.
- ☐ Working CMOS battery. (If not working, the date and time would need to be set per boot)
- ☐ Working laptop battery. (Ask for Battery Sheet if you need help)
- ☐ Keyboard works ☐ or external keyboard ☐.
- ☐ Screen works ☐ or external screen only ☐.
- ☐ Has ethernet port.
- ☐ Has fax modem.
- ☐ Bootup time is _____ and loading Chrome is _____ seconds.
- ☐ Shutdown time is _____ and closing Chrome is _____ seconds.
- ☐ WiFi supported.
- ☐ Bluetooth supported.
- ☐ Video out is _____ format.
- ☐ Expansion is _____.

Laptop Ministry Battery Information

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Currently our laptop ministry provides laptops that may or may not come with functioning batteries. If you received a laptop with a bad battery, here are some tips if your laptop stops powering on:

- Remove the battery to fix the laptop from not starting: typically caused by a deteriorating battery short-circuiting.
- Look online with the make and model of laptop you received. Often there is a sticker on the bottom of the laptop with the model. You may need a magnifier to see it well or use a smartphone to take a photo and zoom in.
- Purchase from any online retailer for OEM (more expensive) or aftermarket productions of the battery with the same specs.

Here are some explanations and resources for battery issues and replacements:

1. **Battery Short Circuit:** A bad battery may develop an internal short circuit, causing it to draw excessive power or fail to provide any power. This can prevent the laptop from turning on, even when plugged in.
2. **Original vs. Aftermarket Batteries:** OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) batteries are recommended, but if they are unavailable, high-quality aftermarket batteries can be a good alternative. Ensure the aftermarket battery comes from a reputable manufacturer with good reviews.
3. **Installation Process:** Some laptops have user-replaceable batteries, while others require disassembling the laptop to replace the battery. Ensure you have the right tools and follow a guide specific to your laptop model if disassembly is needed. If you have the tools, YouTube can be your crash course lesson in replacing batteries yourself. Otherwise, you can have it replaced at any repair shop, such as phone repair shops that also service laptops.
4. **Online Retailers:** Websites like Amazon, Newegg, and eBay often have a wide range of replacement batteries, including both OEM and aftermarket options.

The Laptop Ministry moving forward will provide laptops without the batteries if the batteries are tested as unusable.