

June 19, 2019

## General Membership Town Hall Minutes

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### **Welcome and Introductions** 11:35am

**Rev. Meg Decker**, *Chair of the Board of Directors, Interfaith Community Services*

**Greg Anglea**, *CEO, Interfaith Community Services*

Greg led the General Membership meeting with introductions and welcome to first time attendees

### **Invocation**

**Bob Adams**, *Chief Development Officer, Interfaith Community Services*

### **Town Hall / Panel of Faith Leaders**

**Rev. Meg** Introduces Panel of Faith Leaders:

Rabbi David Castiglione – Reform Jewish

Hector Morales – Evangelical Christian

Yusef Miller – Muslim

Ashwinee Kavin Kaviarasan – Baha'is

Rev. Meg discusses how the “interfaith” idea is under attack, but we are staying committed and faithful to our mission. Thank you again to our Panel of Faith Leaders for being here.

3 questions are asked to the Panel:

1. What makes service to others an important part of your faith tradition?
2. How is the “interfaith” model a meaningful part of your commitment to service?
3. What do you hope the future holds for “interfaith cooperation?”

Q&A period then conducted to include interaction/discussion from members at each table to share their thoughts with the larger group.

Feedback/take aways from audience:

- More Interfaith Satellite locations would be nice
- Interfaith is a sound safe place with a common goal
- We need to spread the word (about Interfaith) more to include more outreach

### **General Membership Vote of new Board of Directors candidates / term renewals**

**Rev Meg** invites members to read/reviews bios of candidates and term renewals before vote is taken. Motion given by Diana and seconded by Peter. 16 faith's represented unanimously vote to approve new board members and board member term renewals.

### **Community Service Update**

**Greg** provides members with Interfaith updates:

- A little over half way through a campaign to end and prevent homelessness for 2019 people
- A few stats: ended and prevented homelessness 2yrs ago: 583 people, last year: almost 1200 people, and we continue moving upward this year in serving the homeless population
- Shares a client success story “Beverly” and thanks everyone for their support, partnerships and contributions

- Question asked Re: State Bill and home cooked meal change.  
Meals can only be cooked in a commercial kitchen setting. Call to action: congregations that have commercial kitchens or know of others who have commercial kitchens to please contact us, we appreciate your support.

### **Announcements**

#### **Bob Adams**

- Please provide your updated contact information if you haven't already
- Please consider a charitable gift for our \$500k matching challenge grant
- "Safe parking" flyers, please take one

#### Announcements from members:

- New Pastor at Church of the Resurrection takes over August 2019
- First Congregation Church, band concert July 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Closing**

**Rev. Meg** closing call to action: "List who you will tell and what action can be taken", please be inspired to write something down and following through with it. Closed the meeting at 1:00pm