

Workshop Evaluations

Building Bridges for Social Justice, August 24, 2019

At the end of the workshop participants were asked the following questions:

- What was the most important thing you learned or did today?
- Did you discover any “Bridges” that you could help build?
- What can the Council do to support your involvement in Social Justice?
- For the future, what topics, programs or discussions are important to address? Who should do this? When? Why?
- For next year – What did we do well? What could be improved?

There were 11 people from the three ministry teams (Refugee: Cathy Sandstrom, Betty Van Gheluwe, Diana Borrero-Lowe; Climate: Sharon & Dennis Rockwood, Scott Smith, Claudia Fernsworth ; & Racial Justice: Diane Ryssel, Don Stepich, Tom Neale & Eileen Oldag), Eileen Dingledein for raising the minimum wage, Joan Goodwin (unaffiliated), Tess & Rev Sara and Marni Odermann, Sue Philley and Jim Bigelow from the Social Justice Council.

Evaluations

There are 11 anonymous evaluations, arbitrarily numbered from 1 – 11.

Question: What was the most important thing you learned or did today?

1. Whoo – so much: Who’s who; \$ opps [funding opportunities?]; org processes
2. Connections with other teams are essential
3. – no answer
4. There is a group where I can make a difference and all new things to be aware of to make its goals bear fruit. The interrelatedness of many goals
5. Being connected to great issues
6. Our team is valued and integral to BUUF
7. That there is support for our vision and work. SWOT exercise
8. Feeling supported by and being supportive of other social justice groups
9. Work together
10. SWOT analysis tool
11. (Answer directed to next question) Importance of and opportunities for connections within BUUF and in the large community

Question: Did you discover any “Bridges” that you could help build?

1. With other ministries
2. Personal connections
3. Would like to learn more about racial justice
4. Involvement in changes/goals and getting to know other & new people
5. Being part of a larger world by sharing

6. Interconnections with other teams
7. Feeling of connection with other ministries
8. Bridges with community partners
9. Immigration/refugee statement
10. No
11. Answer from pervious question

Question: What can the Council do to support your involvement in Social Justice?

1. Facilitate quick and clear communications when needed with Board and other allies, Calendaring, Publicity
2. Communicate as you are
3. Continue outreach to small ministries. It has been real helpful to have Sue Philley's wisdom & experience imparted to our ministry
4. Meetings and learning opportunities like this
5. Support cost of C.A.T. banner for the 9/20 event
6. Attend our meetings occasionally
7. Keep supporting us
8. Annual workshops such as this to continue the networking with social justice groups
9. More directed, shorter emails
10. ?
11. Practical guidance and directions, example: Proceeding with 8th principle resolution

Question: For the future, what topics, programs or discussions are important to address? Who should do this? When? Why?

1. Help getting 8th Principle in the open
2. Immigration & racial & climate should work together on one project to connect the dots
3. No answer
4. Not sure yet
5. Updates on the coming year
6. No answer
7. No answer
8. No answer
9. No answer
10. ?
11. Not sure

Question: For next year – [1] What did we do well? [2] What could be improved?

1. [1] Hard to offer advice, this was good
2. [1] It was excellent – good flow, good materials
3. No answer – no room on paper for response
4. [2] Have this weekly
5. [1] Format was good

6. [1] Excellent – repeat
7. [1] Gave us your time. [2] Get us together to see each other's efforts
8. No answer – no room on the paper for response
9. [1] Frame each Team's work. [2] Less time for team building (we are already <unreadable word> teams)
10. [1] Good organization [2] ?
11. [1] Interesting, valuable, interactive activities [2] Maybe more information in advance of the meeting