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Community Problems Assembly – Virtual – Oct 25^h 2021

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| 6:30pm | Welcome and Opening Prayer | Bishop Zannie McNeil Jr.
Daytona Deliverance Church of God |
| 6:35pm | Call to Order | Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey
Unitarian Universalist Congregation |
| 6:37pm | New Congregation Covenant and Installation of Officers | Rev. Dr. Nathan Mugala
Allen Chapel AME, Daytona Beach |
| 6:42pm | Biblical Reflection | Deacon Dominick Delio
Our Lady of the Lakes, Deltona |
| 6:47pm | House Meeting Report | Rev. John Gill
Tomoka UMC, Ormond |

UPDATES and TESTIMONIES

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| 6:48pm | Education and Criminal Justice | Pedro Dash
Tubman King Community Church, Daytona Beach |
| 6:58pm | Affordable Housing | Jackie Mole
Allen Chapel AME Daytona Beach |
| *** | Testimony*** | Francis Larry
Mt Zion AME, Daytona Beach |
| 7:07 | Environmental Justice | Dr. Tseleq Yusef
Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach
Fr. Frank Cerio
Our Lady of the Lakes, Deltona |

*****Testimony*****

Libby Lavette
Edgewater

7:11pm **Research Committee Testimony**

Elizabeth Lee
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona

7:43pm **Call To Action**

Rev. Dr. Randolph Bracy
Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach

7:47pm **Voting Results and Adjourn**

Rev. Wendell Webster
Mt Zion AME, Daytona Beach

8:00pm **Closing Prayer**

Rev. Montez Kaufman
Tubman King Community Church, Daytona Beach

*****All agenda participants, Clergy and Board Members please stay on the call for a brief evaluation*****

The Community Problems Assembly shall follow the parliamentary authority of Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) in all cases except those covered in these rules.

1. The Assembly Chairpersons shall resolve all questions of order and procedure.
2. The Chairpersons for the Community Problems Assembly shall be the Co-Presidents of FAITH.
3. It is the responsibility of the Assembly Chairs to assure the orderly and rapid transaction of business.
4. Only official delegates who are members of a covenanting congregation are eligible to vote. A delegate must be a fully bested member in good standing of a covenanting congregation.
5. Voting will be cast by standing vote (those who are not able to stand may raise a hand) or oral vote. If additional nominations are received for Executive Committee positions, written ballots will be collected.
6. All procedural motions and amendments to such motions will be limited to three minutes of debate. If the Chairpersons feel more discussion is warranted, they may call upon the Assembly as a whole to grant more time for discussion.
7. Nominations in addition to those made by the nominating Committee may be brought to the floor by petition, with at least ten signatures of registered delegates, from at least five member groups. All nominating petitions must be handed in to the Nominating Committee prior to the opening of the Assembly.
8. At their initial consideration the rules and agenda may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates. The rules and agenda may be suspended subsequently by two-thirds vote of the delegates.
9. When voting on areas of concern to focus on for the year 2020, the number of votes of each covenanting congregation shall be equal to the number of delegates present and signed in.
10. As packets containing Assembly business have been distributed, these materials will not be read aloud.

2021 Nominated Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Rev. Wendell Webster, Mt Zion AME, Daytona Beach

The Reverend Wendell C. Webster is the spiritual leader of the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, Florida. Rev. Webster was born in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated from the Duval County Public School system. He later attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. After working in higher education for many years, he returned to the Wilberforce, Ohio community to attend Payne Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master's Degree in Divinity. Rev. Webster is an advocate for youth and young adults as evidenced by his over twenty years of previous employment in higher education and recruitment and scholarships for various public and private colleges and foundations. He started the Leona Daniels Day Scholarship while pastoring at New Fountain Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church which provides college scholarships to the youth of the Jacksonville community.

Co-Chair: Fr. Matt Mellow, Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Pt. Orange

Our new Co-Chair Fr. Matthew Mello is no Stranger to DART or Justice Ministry. Fr. Matt Mello was ordained a priest in 1987 and began his first assignment at Holy Name Jesus in Melbourne Florida. In August of 1998 Fr. Matt was assigned as Pastor at the Church of the Resurrection in Lakeland Florida. While in Lakeland Several church were organizing to form a justice ministry with the Help of DART (Direct Action and Research Training). The organization called PEACE (Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment). It started small with assemblies of 125 people to when Fr. Matt left Lakeland the last assembly had 1200 people attending. Fr. Matt had many roles in the membership and the leadership part of PEACE, he served as co-chair from 2009-11. PEACE had many victories for the people of Polk County including drug testing and rehabilitation for inmates. healthcare clinics for all people taking 15,000 off the emergency room demand at Lakeland regional hospital. In 2014 Fr. Matt was appointed Pastor of Divine Mercy Catholic church in Merritt Island Florida. The years that he served in Merritt Island he helped organize 14 church with the help of DART to form Brevard Justice Ministry. In August of 2020 He was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Hope in Port Orange.

Vice Chair: Dr. Claudette McFadden, New St James Missionary Baptist Church, Daytona Beach

Dr. Claudette McFadden is the senior tenured professor in the Department of Communication Studies, Theatre and Dance at Bethune-Cookman University. She joined the faculty in 1990 as the Chair of the Mass Communication/Speech Communication areas and later chaired the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre Arts. Over the years, Dr. McFadden has held positions as the Dean of the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility, the Director of Title III and Sponsored Programs, Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate

Provost in the Division of Academic Affairs and Senior Policy Advisor for Presidential Initiatives. Today, Dr. McFadden is reviving the University's Forensic program for competitive speech and debate. And a Justice Ministry Team Member at New St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Daytona Beach.

Treasurer: Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Ormond Beach
Rev. Kathy is an ordained minister in fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. She moved to Ormond Beach in 2016 to serve the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Congregation there. From 2013-2016, Kathy served part-time in two UU congregations in Upstate New York. She also worked as a chaplain at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, 2012-2014. Although, she moved from the Rochester area, Kathy considers Florida her home state; she grew up in Clearwater. Prior to her call to ministry, Kathy worked in the banking industry as a regulator and a consultant. Rev. Kathy has two adult daughters that live in upstate New York. She recently married Don Shinnamon and they live in Ormond Beach with their little dog Daisy.

Recording Secretary: Fr. Chris Hoffman, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona
Fr. Chris, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1960, graduated from Marquette University with a B.S. In Accounting in 1982 and from St. Mary's Seminary with an M. Div. in 1987. I was ordained for the Diocese of Orlando in 1987 and this is my 9th assignment. I was a founding pastor of FAITH and its co-chair when I was pastor at St. Clare in Deltona. I retired from the Air Force in 2009 with the rank of Lt. Colonel after serving in the Reserves for 24 years. He is the pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Deltona.

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Caitlin White, Stetson Wesley House, DeLand
Rev. Caitlin White is the newly appointed Associate Pastor of Trinity UMC in DeLand. She is also the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Stetson University. She enjoys working with people on the thresholds of faith, in community organizing and justice ministries, and building intergenerational relationships in the Church. She is passionate about outdoor recreation and good food.

AT-LARGE POSITIONS:

Bishop Zannie L. McNeil, Jr. M.Div., D.D., Daytona Deliverance Church of God, Daytona Beach

Bishop McNeil matriculated at Lee College, now Lee University, in Cleveland, TN where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Biblical Education in 1985. While at Lee College he served as the first African American President of the Pioneers for Christ and the Evangelistic Singers. In 1992 he received his Master of Divinity degree from the Church of God School of Theology in Cleveland, TBN. In 1998 he received a Doctor of

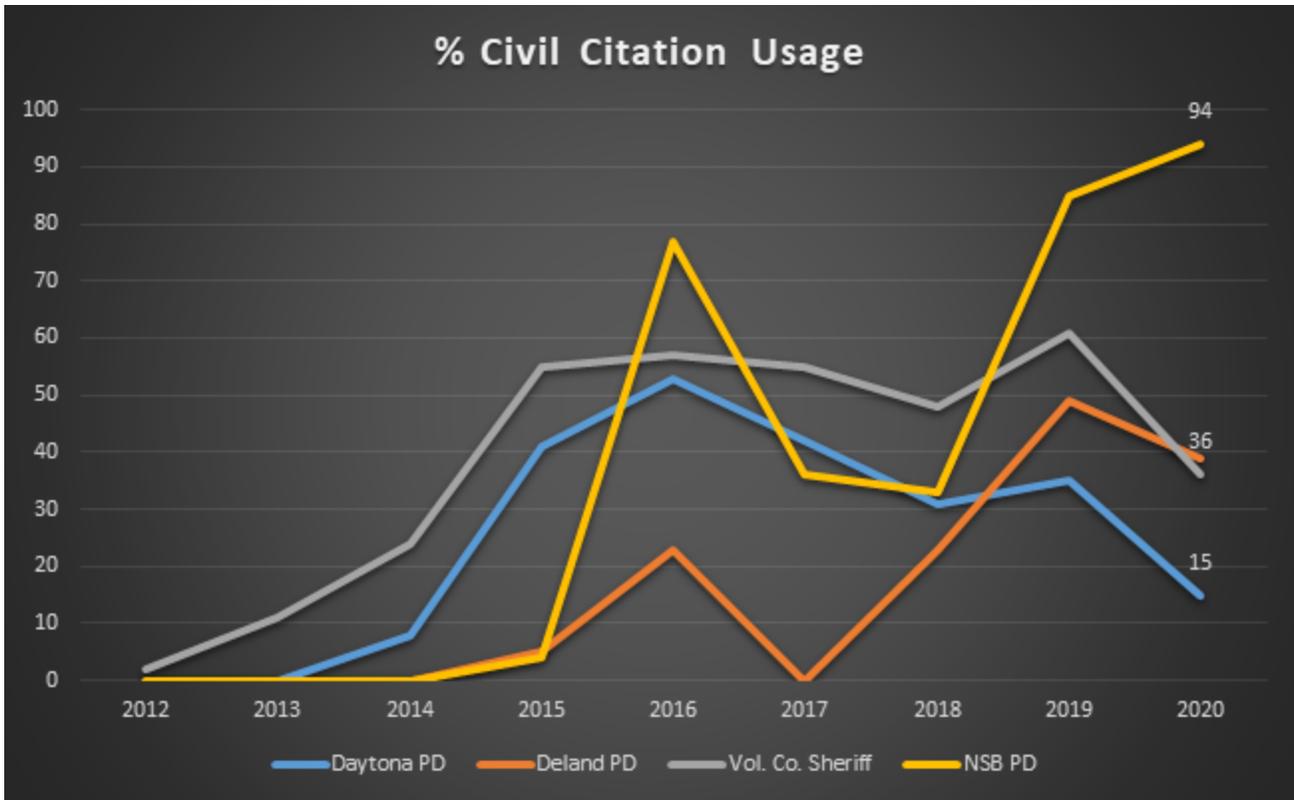
Divinity from the Tennessee School of Religion, Tuskegee Extension. Since 1997, Dr. McNeil has served as an instructor at the Ebenezer Bible Institute in Hyattsville, MD. He has been afforded the opportunity to preach nationally and internationally in locations such as: Bermuda, Guyana, Panama, and most notably at the International Black Conference of the Church of God in Atlanta. Bishop McNeil is married to Lisa (Lee) McNeil and they have three children. Bishop and Lady McNeil are currently serving as the Senior Pastor and First Lady of Daytona Deliverance Church of God in Daytona Beach

Jackie Mole, Allen Chapel AME Daytona Beach

Issue Committee Reports

HOMELESSNESS – The First Step Shelter opened in Dec. 2019. The shelter is doing fabulous under its new leadership and staff. A total of 100 clients have cycled through the shelter to date: 41 have been successfully housed and there are currently 20 clients in the shelter. Amazingly the shelter has remained COVID free. Admittedly, there was a hiatus in taking in new clients since the shelter has had no way to quarantine or test folks; however, as of 2 weeks ago that issue was rectified. Intakes have restarted for male clients and the female dorm is being used as a quarantine area. The female clients are currently housed in the medical section.

YOUTH – The Youth Committee got the State Attorney to agree not to send arrest documentation to the clerk of court's office so that no arrest record will be created. This was the case for 50 children last year- in the future, none of these cases will have arrest records! Unfortunately, Civil Citations usage has gone down, but so have youth arrests. The good news is that every middle school is now using a restorative practices based curriculum in every in school suspension classroom with a certified teacher AND, every middle school is using full school restorative practices!



HOUSING – FAITH’s Housing Committee has carried the campaign to win a Volusia Countywide Housing Trust Fund into 2020! This Summer, the committee held a Drive-In Rally in Daytona Beach Shores where hundreds gathered, remaining socially distant in their vehicles, to demand justice! At the Rally, FAITH secured commitments from three County Council Members, Barbara Girtman, Heather Post, and Billie Wheeler, for their support in establishing the Housing Trust Fund! Over the past few months, the committee has met individually with all candidates running for County Council in the 2020 elections, sharing our years of research, and their winning their commitments to work to support the establishment of the Trust Fund if elected in November.

Mental Health & Addiction – Two years ago FAITH’s Mental Health & Addiction committee won commitments from the Volusia County Sheriff’s Department and the Daytona Beach Police Department to begin arming their officers with the lifesaving NARCAN nasal spray, which reverses the effects of opioid overdose. Since FAITH won those commitments, both law enforcement agencies have fulfilled their commitments. As a direct result, 71 lives in our county have been saved! In 2008 F.A.I.T.H. established a drug treatment program in the county jail that saves the county more than \$2 million a year and, because of FAITH’s efforts, over 500 inmates have successfully completed treatment.

WHAT HAS F.A.I.T.H. ACCOMPLISHED?

Mental Health:

FAITH worked for nearly a year to improve conditions for mentally ill persons held in the Volusia County jail. The concerns stemmed from numerous reports of inmates not receiving needed psychotropic medications from the jail psychiatrist, as well as reports about the unjust practices of the mental health provider in the jail, Prison Health Services (PHS). PHS is known throughout the country for countless reports of abuse, lawsuits, and inhumane treatment of inmates, including Volusia County. We asked Council members to make a commitment to open the process for selecting a new mental health treatment provider. We asked that the contract or sub-contract to provide mental health treatment in the jail be given to a local provider who would then be held accountable for making badly needed changes in the way services were provided.

Specifically, we asked for an end to the constant problems inmates reported obtaining prescription medications. We demanded humane treatment for people exhibiting signs of psychological decompensation in jail. Volusia County's local mental health provider ACT/Stewart Marchman took over the mental health portion of the jail's healthcare contract in December 2008 and we are seeing significant progress. In February of this year, the Mental Health Association honored F.A.I.T.H. with their Golden Bell Award for advocating for those suffering from mental illness and for our work in the County Jail.

Substance Abuse Treatment in County Jail:

Through the persistent efforts of F.A.I.T.H., a substance abuse treatment program was started in the County Jail in May of 2001. In May of 2002, FAITH received a commitment from community treatment providers to arrange a link between the jail program and their programs in the community to ensure that treatment is continued upon release. Over 1,000 people successfully completed the program decreasing the recidivism rate and giving many people a chance at a productive life. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, the program was terminated; however, at the 2009 Action Assembly F.A.I.T.H. won commitments from the Volusia County Council to reinstate a new, improved program. The new program is operated by Serenity House and started on Oct. 1, 2009 at a cost of \$278, 835. The new program will treat 180 inmates a year and divert another 50 men and women directly to a community-based treatment program. This program has already saved Volusia County tax payers over \$600,000 and greatly reduced recidivism! Originally only open to the male inmate population, the successful drug treatment program in the county jail, CTDP, has been expanded to include women. Haven Recovery began receiving intake applications on Monday January 23, 2012! Now this program will be able to reach capacity of 30 to 35 and include *both* men and women.

Crime and Drugs:

FAITH has identified and cleaned up nearly 300 spots where there were persistent problems with crime and drugs in Daytona Beach, and 18 spots in Deltona. Based on FAITH's demands, major improvements have been made in these areas. We are continuing this important work in the city of Daytona Beach with Chief Michael Chitwood, which involves the distribution of "hot spot postcards" and quarterly meetings with the Police Department. Also, after a long struggle with the city of Daytona Beach in 2004, we were successful in getting the City Commission and the Chief of Police to double the size of Daytona Beach's street level narcotics unit, so it is better equipped to address our problems.

WHAT HAS F.A.I.T.H. ACCOMPLISHED?

Health Care:

In 2003, the members of FAITH voted to work on the issue of health care. After much research and deliberation, the focus was narrowed to the arena of increasing access to primary, preventive health care for the uninsured. Having identified Halifax Hospital as the entity both charged with the responsibility to provide this care, as well as provided the funds to do so (approximately \$25 million yearly in ad valorem tax dollars), FAITH sought to work with them to get them to make certain changes to their provision of this care. In 2005 we succeeded in getting a streamlined intake process and increased access with the Dunn Center, a clinic for the uninsured. Since 2003 FAITH leaders meet regularly with the administration of Halifax Hospital to ensure that they continue to follow through on their commitment. In 2011, FAITH continued to work with Halifax Hospital and recently we have won evening and weekend hours at the Dunn Center. Additionally, the paperwork for HMHA, Halifax Hospital's Medical Assistance program, has been significantly reduced making it easier for patients who need care to submit the proper paperwork.

Night Bus Service:

In 2002, FAITH decided to tackle the issue of night bus service – a service many groups in the community, including Votran itself, had been trying to get for the previous six years. FAITH, after much research and successful campaigning, secured a commitment from the Volusia County Council to expand the hours of Votran from 7:30 pm until midnight in Daytona Beach. This service began in January of 2003, and Votran reports that ridership is up to nearly 500 riders per night.

S.A.V.E Docket:

F.A.I.T.H. is proud to announce the beginning of the S.A.V.E. (Sentencing Alternative for Volusia Enforcement) Docket! Judge Belle Schumann has successfully begun to accept community service and treatment in exchange for monetary fees for ordinance violations. Only non-violent, victimless, misdemeanor crimes will fall under the SAVE docket. Police officers can now refer these offenders, who are often homeless or otherwise unable to pay for violations, to the S.A.V.E. Docket. This means people no longer have to wait for their court date to be sent to them in the mail and they won't get a warrant out for their arrest because they didn't receive their court date. In doing so, the offense will not show up on these individuals' records and they will be given the chance to move on with their lives. In January 2012, at the Volusia County Council meeting, the council members voted to fund a full time S.A.V.E. coordinator position for the next three years. This is a major victory for our program!

Local Hiring Ordinance:

On December 1, 2011, at the Volusia County Council meeting, the local hiring ordinance F.A.I.T.H. had been working towards for the last 3 years finally passed. The preference expanded from a Volusia only preference to a regional preference; however if by 2012 all other regions have not included Volusia county in their similar ordinances, they will be taken out of Volusia county's. Thank you and congratulations to all that have worked for and been a part of this long process. Because we do not go away, F.A.I.T.H. meets with success!

