



F.A.I.T.H. 2021 Celebration Banquet

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th, 2021



F.A.I.T.H. Justice Ministry Celebration June 8th, 2021

- 6:32 Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Call to Order
Rev. Wendell Webster
Mt Zion AME, Daytona Beach
- 6:35 Celebrating our Nehemiah Action Assembly!
Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Ormond Beach
- 6:40 Our Justice Ministry Vision and Housing Update
Karen Delisle
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Daytona Beach
- 6:50 Education Update
Fr. Chris Hoffmann
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona
- 6:53 Criminal Justice Update and Videos
Pedro Dash and Rev. Webster
Tubman-King Community Church, Daytona Beach and Mt Zion AME Daytona Beach
- 7:10 What It's Worth
Virginia Bennett
Catholic Church of the Epiphany, Pt. Orange
- 7:08 Homeless Celebration!
Joan Campanaro
Our Lady of Lourdes, Daytona Beach
- 7:20 Closing Charge and Transition to Congregational Caucus instructions
Jackie Mole
Allen Chapel AME, Daytona Beach
1. FAITH tour of First Step Shelter June _____
 2. FAITH Board of Directors Meeting June 17th 6:30pm
 3. Listening Process Kickoff for JMT Leaders August 12th 6:30pm
 4. House Meetings start: Aug 21st
 5. Community Problems Assembly location TBD Oct 25th at 6:30pm
- 7:30 Closing Prayer
Rev. Wendell Webster

Rev Kathy *Board Members, Clergy, and Agenda Participants: Please stay on the call for a brief evaluation.**

FAITH Member Congregations

Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, Rev. Dr. Nathan Mugala
Allen Chapel AME, New Smyrna Beach, Rev. Bobby Jacobs
Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach
Christ Church, Port Orange, Rev Jesse Jarvis
Church of the Epiphany, Port Orange
Collective Church, DeLand, Rev. Ben Collins
Coronado Community United Methodist Church, New Smyrna Beach
Daytona Deliverance, Daytona Beach, Bishop Zannie McNeil
Deland Quakers
Deltona Christian Church (DOC), Deltona, Rev. Susanna Orensky
First Christian Church of Daytona Beach (DOC), Daytona Beach, Rev. David Troxler
First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach
Historic New Bethel AME Church, Rev. Floyd L. Narcisse
Islamic Center of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach
Lighthouse Presbyterian Ormond Beach,
Morning Star Missionary Baptist, Rev Evans Smith
Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, Rev. Wendell Webster
New St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Rev. C.L. Robinson
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Port Orange, Fr. Matt Mellow
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Community, Daytona Beach, Fr. Phil Egitto
Our Lady of the Lakes, Deltona Fr Chris Hoffmann
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, New Smyrna Beach Rev. Kenneth Harley
Sikh Congregation, Central Florida
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, Fr. Neville Crichlow
Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church, Daytona Beach, Rev. Dr. David Allen
Tomoka United Methodist Church, Ormond Beach, Rev. Sharon Dey and Rev. Pam Stewart
Tubman King Community Church, Daytona Beach, Rev. Dr. Montez Kaufman
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Ormond Beach, Rev. Kathy Rickey
Volusia/Flagler AFL-CIO, Dan Kurczi President

BECOME A FAITH INVESTOR TONIGHT

All Justice Ministry Network Members are asked to *prayerfully consider* investing \$200 or more every year in the work of FAITH.

To invest in FAITH online, visit www.FAITHVolusia.org/Invest and click the button that says “Invest In FAITH”.

You can choose to invest all at once, or in monthly installments.

Mail checks to FAITH @ PO Box 164 Daytona Beach, FL 32115

FAITH HOUSING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

THE PROBLEM

- Over 20,000 households in our area pay over 50% of their income on rent.
- Essential workers like nursing assistants and grocery store clerks don't make enough to afford an apartment in Volusia County.
- Estimates show Volusia County has a deficit of 16,000 affordable rentals!

THE SOLUTION

Since 2019, FAITH has been calling on the Volusia County Council to create a countywide Housing Trust Fund.

Housing Trust Funds are established by governments to assist in the creation, preservation or rehabilitation of housing that's affordable to working families and seniors. Oftentimes, money from the Housing Trust Fund is provided in grants to non-profit and private sector developers who develop, rehab or preserve the housing.

Florida has a statewide Housing Trust Fund, funded through the Sadowski Act, but it has been raided by the State Legislature for over a decade. This year the cuts to this fund were made permanent.

We cannot rely on Tallahassee or Washington DC to solve this problem. Other local governments are acting by creating their own local Housing Trust Funds.

Over 700 local communities across the US have their own local Housing Trust Funds, including Florida counties like Seminole, Orange, Broward, Hillsborough and Alachua.

COUNCIL COMMITMENTS

At FAITH assemblies in 2019, 2020, and 2021, County Council Members Wheeler, Girtman, and Post have committed to support the creation of a Volusia County Housing Trust Fund. Still no definitive action has been taken to fulfill these commitments until May 2021, when Council Members Post and Girtman made sure the subject of Housing Trust Funds would be discussed at the County's July Housing Summit. FAITH will be present at this Housing Summit to support these Council Members as they fulfill their commitment to advocate for a Housing Trust Fund.

HOUSING CALL TO ACTION

Volusia County is receiving over \$100 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan in order to fund programs that help those impacted by COVID. We know many essential workers and the unemployed have suffered from our areas lack of affordable housing. Municipalities across the nation, like Cincinnati, OH, are choosing to use part of their American Rescue Plan dollars to fund their local Housing Trust Funds. So, FAITH Housing's Committee is calling on the Volusia County Council to use a portion of our county's American Rescue Plan dollars to fund a new Volusia County Housing Trust Fund through 2024.

Though our Housing Committee has sent several emails to County Chair Jeff Brower to request a meeting to discuss this issue, we have not received a response.

Copy and paste the below message, sign your name, and email it to Volusia County Chairman Jeff Brower.

EMAIL

To: jbrower@volusia.org

CC: VolusiaFAITH@gmail.com

Chair Brower

I am a Volusia County resident and member of FAITH. I am asking you to meet with FAITH's Housing Committee to discuss how the money our county receives from the American Rescue Plan can be used to address housing needs for our county's workforce and seniors.

Sincerely,

FAITH Issue Victories

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 the commitment from Halifax 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 Community Clinic, a primary care clinic for the uninsured. In 2016, after conducting on-site testing, FAITH discovered gaps in services at the Community Clinic, such as excessive paperwork and long waiting periods for patients seeking care. In response, FAITH successfully challenged Halifax to make the Community Clinic a “walk-in” clinic. FAITH was also able to get Halifax to retrain their ER staff to refer eligible patients to the clinic and to increase physical visibility and accessibility with new signage, parking spaces, and entry points.

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!

FAITH 2020 Corporate/Foundation Investors

**We extend our sincere gratitude to our investors who join in our struggle for
an improved quality of life in Volusia County!**

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Westminster Presbyterian Retirement Facility

Foundation Support Received from:

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