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 Christ Presbyterian  
 Christ Church  
 Church of the Epiphany  
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 Coronado Community UMC  
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 Deltona Christian  
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 First Presbyterian  
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 Pleasant Grove MBC  
 Sikh Congregation  
 Stetson Wesley House  
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**Community Problems Assembly – Virtual – Oct 19<sup>h</sup> 2020**

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| 6:30pm | <b>Welcome and Opening Prayer</b>  | <b>Fr. Chris Hoffmann</b>   |
| 6:35pm | <b>Call to Order / Adopt Agenda</b>  | <b>Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey</b><br>Unitarian Universalist Congregation |
| 6:37   | <b>New Congregation Covenant and Installation of Officers</b>  | <b>Fr. Phil Eigtto</b><br>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic, Daytona     |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist, New Smyrna Beach</li> <li>• Allen Chapel AME, New Smyrna Beach</li> <li>• Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic, Deltona</li> </ul> |   |
| 6:42pm | <b>Biblical Reflection</b>   | <b>Rev. Caitlin White</b><br>Stetson Wesley,                        |
|        | DeLand   |   |
| 6:50pm | <b>House Meeting Report</b>  | <b>Rev. Sharon</b>  |
|        | <b>Dey</b>   | Tomoka UMC, Ormond  |

**UPDATES and TESTIMONIES**

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| 6:53pm | <b>Homeless</b>           | <b>Joan Campanaro</b><br>Our Lady of Lourdes, Daytona Beach                                    |
| 6:55pm | <b>Affordable Housing</b> | <b>Karen DeLisle and Jackie Mole</b><br>Our Lady of Lourdes and Allen Chapel AME Daytona Beach |
| 7:12pm | <b>Youth</b>              | <b>Pedro Dash</b><br>Tubman King Community Church, Daytona Beach                               |
|        | <b>Testimony</b>          | <b>Carl Tews</b><br>Tomoka UMC   |

**NEW PROBLEM AREA**

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| 7:20pm | <b>Voting Procedures</b> | <b>Rev. Wendell Webster</b> |
|        | <b>(poll)</b>            |                             |

Mt Zion AME, Daytona Beach

**Testimony Adult Criminal Justice**

7:30pm **Research Committee Testimony**

**Minister Artis Mosley**  
Daytona Deliverance Church of God

7:43pm **Call To Action**

**Bishop Zannie McNeil Jr.**  
Daytona Deliverance Church of God

7:47pm **Next Steps, Voting Results and Adjourn  
Webster**

**Rev. Wendell**

Mt Zion AME

8:00pm **Closing Prayer**

**Rev. Kenneth Harley**  
Pleasant Grove MBC, NSB

***F.A.I.T.H. CLOSING PRAYER***

*We are called to listen to the commands to love and do justice.  
Our gathering this day reminds us of our responsibility to work with one another  
to remake our world into a more hopeful place of peace.*

*We are inspired and guided to hear the cry of the poor and oppressed, and to  
respond.*

*We know that alone we are limited in what we can do, but together we are powerful.*

*Our strength comes from our unity.*

*Grant us continued strength and sustenance.*

*We ask all of these things from you, whose spirit makes us one.*

*Amen*

**\*\*\*All agenda participants, Clergy and Board Members please come to the front 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.

## **2019 Nominated Executive Committee**

### **Co-Chair: 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.

### **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. For the past 29 years, Reverend Webster had been married to the lovely Mrs. Sheila Webster, his college sweetheart and they are the proud parents of four children; Kani, Matthew, Zachary, and Jordan.

### **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.

### **Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Sharon Dey, Tomoka United Methodist Church, Ormond**

Rev. Dey was born in Jacksonville and grew up in the Daytona Beach area, graduating from Mainland High School in 1961. She graduated from Stetson University with a BA degree in English Literature in 1965. After teaching for several years in Atlanta, GA and Bradenton, FL, she returned to school and earned her M.Div. degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1989. She served churches in Palmetto and Tampa before coming to Tomoka UMC in Ormond Beach in 2000. Though officially retired in 2012 she has remained active in ministry at Tomoka, teaching youth and other classes and chairing the Justice Ministry Team. She is a Guardian ad Litem (child advocate), a member of the Sunrise Emmaus Community, and has served on the board of HUM. In FAITH she has served as Co-chair, as a member of the Executive Committee, and as Research Committee Co-chair. Sharon loves reading, the beach, word puzzles, and animals. She and her husband Geoff have been married 51 years and have two children and two grandchildren (and two cats).

**Treasurer: Terre Tumminello, Our Lady of Lourdes, Daytona Beach**

Terre has served as the FAITH Recording Secretary 2005-07, Co-chair 2008-09, Vice Chair 2010, Treasurer for 2011-14 and Corresponding Secretary for 2015-2018. She is a long time member of the Finance Committee and she was a recipient of the Pillar of FAITH Award. Terre's working background includes management positions in the banking industry and in several non-profits in Pittsburgh, PA. She and her husband Frank have been residents of Daytona Beach since 2005.

**Recording Secretary: Fr. Chris Hoffman, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church**

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.

**AT-LARGE POSITIONS:**

**Rev. David Troxler, First Christian Church**

Rev. Troxler has been the pastor at First Christian Church for the past eleven years. He is the past president of Palmetto Place Advocates, a position he held for four years following his inception. He is also a member of the United Way Volunteer Advisory Board and the Downtown Business and Professional Association. He has been the co-chair of the Crime & Drugs Committee and a recipient of the Pillar of FAITH Award.

**Rev. Caitlin White, Collective UMC and Stetson Wesley House, DeLand**

Caitlin White is one of the pastors at Collective Church 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.

### **Virginia Bennett, Catholic Church of the Epiphany**

Virginia's family moved to Port Orange from Long Island NY in 1950 when she was just 3 years old. She received all her Sacraments at St Paul's Basilica in Daytona Beach. Virginia began attending Epiphany 1962 in the Port Orange Women's Club when she was just 16. She served as President of the Epiphany Women's Club from 1972 to 1974, and taught Religious Ed for 16 years. She worked in the office at Epiphany from 1981 until 2011 when she retired at 65. She is still very active in the parish, as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Funeral Sacristan. She also coordinates the Jail Ministry, FAITH, and the Eucharistic Ministry of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound (EMHCSH). She was married at Epiphany in 1966 to John Bennett. The couple has 3 children and 7 grandchildren, all of whom received their sacraments at Epiphany.

### **Pedro Dash, Tubman-King Community Church, Daytona Beach**

Pedro Dash has been a native of the Daytona Beach area since 1990. He graduated Embry Riddle in 1993 and since that time he has served in area communities as an insurance agent and financial adviser. Besides being active in Volusia County schools, he has also served as a spokesperson for FAITH in our corporate investment drive. Pedro has been a member of Tubman King Community Church for the past 20 years.

### **Rev Susanna Orensky, Deltona Christian Church**

Susanna Orensky is the pastor of Deltona Christian Church. The congregation is a group of terrific group of diverse people, who are passionate about sharing God's love. Susanna is proud to be part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She values the inclusivity of the Disciples. She has been in ministry for 13 years. Susanna is currently completing her Masters of Divinity at Lexington Theological Seminary. She will be ordained this spring. Susanna is a wife and a mother of three children. She is interested in the arts and enjoys painting and sculpting. She loves theater. Susanna is happiest when she is enjoying the beach. Susanna is passionate about social justice issues, including immigration rights, human trafficking, and homelessness.

### **Rev. Nathan Mugala, Allen Chapel AME, Daytona Beach**

Rev. Mugala was born in Mufulira, Zambia, Central Africa. He was educated in the British School System of Central Africa, and after completing high school he pursued a teaching career at Kitwe Teachers' College. In the summer of 1988, he was offered a scholarship to attend Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida. Reverend Mugala is married to Lady Tammie L. Mugala. And they are proud parents of Leila and Romaine. He is currently Vice-President of the Daytona Beach Black Clergy Alliance as well as a member of the NAACP, Central Conference Board of Examiners, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

**Rev. Macon Armistead, Coronado Community United Methodist Church, New Smyrna**

Rev. Macon Armistead is a Provisional Deacon in the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He currently serves on-loan in the Florida Annual Conference as the Minister of Congregational Care at Coronado Community UMC in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Macon is married to Amy, a Provisional Elder in the Florida Conference and they live in Ormond Beach, FL with their English Shepherd, Nora. He enjoys singing and playing guitar and piano, watching movies, playing tennis, and being at the beach. Macon has a deep passion for justice and is excited to be a part of F.A.I.T.H. in Volusia County!

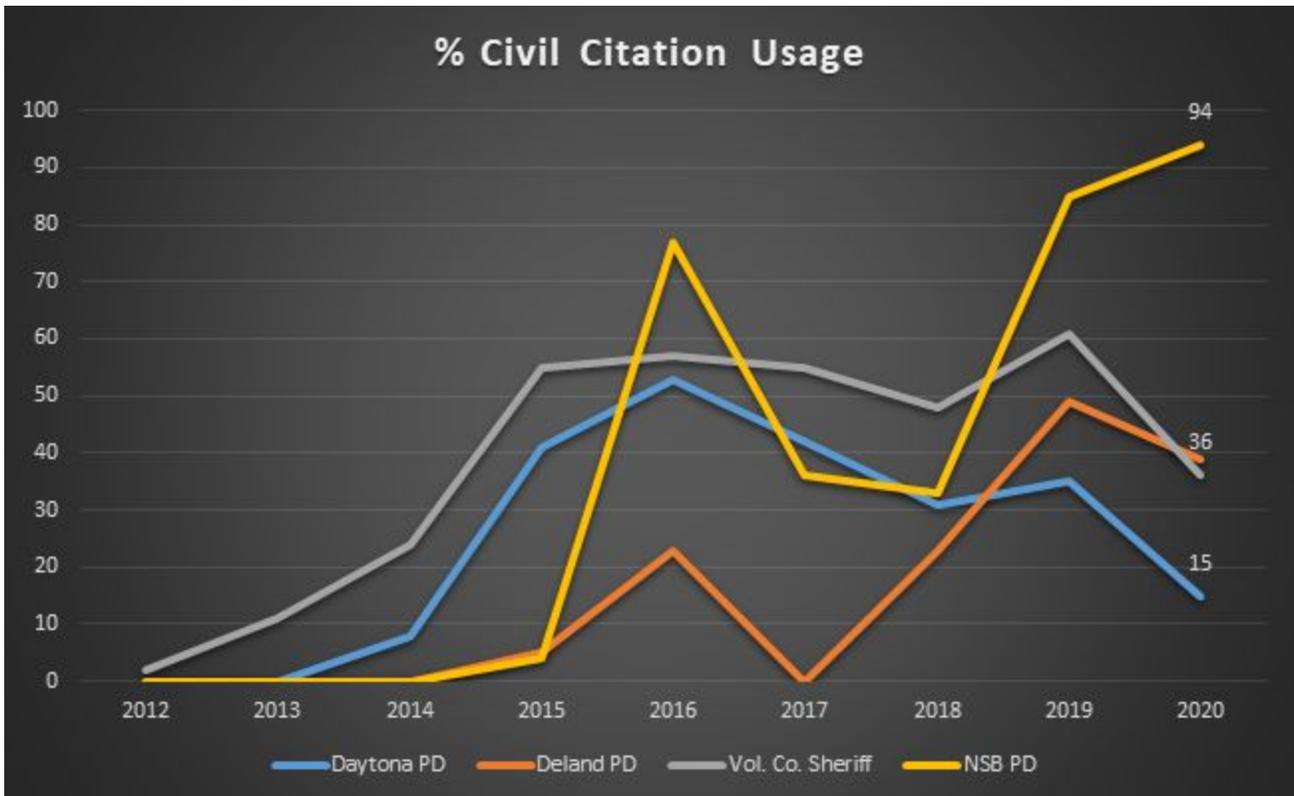
**Linda McGee, Islamic Center of Daytona Beach**

Mrs. Linda McGee has displayed the essence of leadership skills from the time she located to the Daytona Beach community as a youth in 1975. She has taken her love, concern and care for the needs of people regardless of age and ethnicity and dedicated her life to community service. She is an activist for those who have no voice for themselves. Mrs. McGee retired from the City of Daytona Beach, FL Leisure Service Department after 38 years of service. Her employment duties and responsibilities consisted of youth counselor, early childhood education teacher, supervisor of city playgrounds and staff, recreation specialist, to name a few roles. She took the initiative to nurture her staff and ensure they learned to perform their duties with the highest level of professionalism. Throughout the years, she has been an active member of Martin Luther King Community Celebration Committee; the NAACP Banquet Committee; the Juneteenth Committee, which she initiated the non-profit status for this organization; and F.A.I.T.H. to name a few. In spite of all of her efforts and time serving the Greater Daytona Beach community, Mrs. McGee is dedicated to caring for her family even more. She is the devoted wife to Roy McGee for 41 years. She is the loving mother to Roy, Jr. and Cecelia and the doting grandmother to seven grandchildren. She is the caregiver, along with her sister, for their mother, Betty Wilder.

# 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!