

SHOW UP FOR JUSTICE — The Work of FAITH Continues

FAITH (Fighting Against Injustice Towards Harmony) is the community-organizing non-profit of which our congregation is a founding member. FAITH works to solve community problems at their root causes, seeking justice by asking civic leaders to implement solutions that bring about systematic change in Volusia County.

When I say FAITH, I mean we—us, you, and me— because without the grassroots work of the people in over 30 congregations in Volusia, there would be no effort to end the school-to-prison pipeline, no housing the homeless, no saving lives with Narcan, no drug treatment programs for the incarcerated.

In the face of the pandemic, the work of FAITH continues. We have been meeting on Zoom for events like the Community Problems Assembly. The Housing and Youth Committees have been meeting via Zoom during the research process. Committee members have been meeting virtually with officials as we prepare for this year's Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 22. This year, we are working on an exciting venue for the Action that will be like going to a Drive-in theatre. Stay tuned for updates.

In the meantime, please put these important dates on your calendar and plan to show up for justice in Volusia County. These events will all be via Zoom except for the Action Assembly.

February 22, 6:30 pm, Monday — FAITH Justice Ministry Network Meeting

Everyone in the congregation is invited, but especially those who attended a House Meeting in this past fall and committed to be a Justice Ministry Network Member. You will be getting a reminder from your Team Leader about your commitments and attending this meeting.

March 1, 6:30 pm, Monday — FAITH Rally

Once again, all are invited but especially Justice Ministry Network Members as we prepare for the Nehemiah Action Assembly and hear about the issues and possible solutions. We will also hear about the civic leaders who will attend the Action Assembly.

March 22, 6:30 pm, Monday — FAITH Nehemiah Action Assembly

This is a public event to which all FAITH congregations, the public, and the media, all invited. The Action Assembly is the most important night of the year for our Justice ministries. That night FAITH congregations “show up for justice” by gathering the community together to address public leaders and ask them to act on issue of injustice in Volusia County. You will be able to join via livestream or in your vehicle at a location to be announced. Either way, your presence will be counted and showing up will make all the difference for justice in Volusia County.

See you there,
Rev. Kathy, Co-Chair for FAITH