

Community Engagement & Participatory Action



Goals:

- Work with local civic leaders for disaster planning and other adaptive strategies.
- Make sure that local communities are part of planning and engagement in regional disaster relief with process, both hands-on and financially.
- Work with agencies on racial disparity.
- Assist in the legal defense for refugees displaced by weather.

Actions:

- Engage in local city planning and city council actions
- Become a member of your neighborhood association and attend meetings
- Invest time and talent in local diversity and community organizations for change (ie. NAACP, Denominational service organizations, etc.)

Prayer:

How can we be Silent?

Earth	How can we be silent when our air is polluted, water contaminated, soil depleted, and earth resources privatized and used for profit?
Family	How can we be silent when families struggle recovering from storms of all sorts, leaving them with instability, and poor economics due to low wages or life without jobs?
Human community	How can we be silent when the human family is separated by ethnic origins, language, religious customs that appear different, or sexual orientation, gender inequality, fear of the stranger, real or imaginary?
Government	How can we be silent when we see dysfunctional politics and debt ballooning with lower and middle class bearing the burden of taxes?
Industry	How can we be silent when rich nations increase their need for material demands such as oil, natural gas and energy, while other nations and peoples remain in poverty?
Weather	How can we be silent when hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods bear down on our mother the earth and we continue to deny the climate is changing and we take no responsibility?
Immigration	How can we be silent when individual families cross borders to avoid starvation, homelessness due to drought and are not welcomed as valued persons?