



Report from Assembly of Capital Area Council of Churches- Consolidated Report

During the recent Assembly meeting members met in small groups and were invited to address the following question: *“As loving and compassionate people of faith, how do we respond to the world around us and what is one thing that we can do together?”* Based on the reports from those groups, we recommend forming three focus groups to help guide the work of CACC. The suggested focus groups are as follows:

FOCUS TOPIC: Faith in Action

FOCUS QUESTION: How can we work together on different topics that restore human connection?

Suggested ideas:

Continue to address food insecurity, homelessness, economic and health disparities, and community divisions. Streamline our structure to support mission and minimize meetings.

FOCUS TOPIC: Proclaiming the Gospel (Clergy group)

FOCUS QUESTION: How can clergy offer leadership in addressing the physical and spiritual needs of those in the Capitol Region?

Suggested ideas:

On a particular day, all clergy offer a sermon on the theme of unity/compassion.

Once a week feature a different pastor’s sermon on the CACC website.

Clergy organize prayerful meeting for member churches.

Clergy offer leadership in interfaith dialogue and understanding.

FOCUS TOPIC: Diversity and Inclusion

FOCUS QUESTION: How can CACC offer safe space, sacred ground for the coming together of diverse people and divergent views?

Suggested ideas:

Offer opportunities to listen and discover the perspectives of others around us. Train ourselves.

Engage with others. Offer listening tours that include diverse members of our congregations and communities.