

Spiritual Colloquium Follow-Up Meeting

10/31/19

Notes

Facilitator – Pastor Todd Yeary

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Moral Injury	Education	Youth & Culture	Housing
Christle Baker-Gill	Zulema Joseph	Patricia Bunting	Kay Halverson
Sandra Gray			
Dave Stancil			
Rosemary Ogbeboro			

Reports

Housing

Reported by Kay Halverson

- Have not gotten very far with anything
- Trying to find one area to focus on in “housing”
- Needs clarity as to what the “housing” group is supposed to accomplish
- Narrowing the focus
- Where is the focus as far as *perspective*?

Notes –

Patricia Bunting volunteers to provide a document to the housing group that lists the different funding for housing.

Moral Injury

Reported by Dave Stancil

- Richard Bontz has sent a plethora of emails following up with group
- Christle B.G. & Masica Jordan has led a Moral Injury Training
- Training in North Caroling with 43 members present
- Needs to create a “Train the Trainer” portion
- Identified individuals interested in sharing their personal stories
- Next step is putting together a curriculum for the trained trainers to perform training themselves
- Upcoming Moral Injury training in January at Dave Stancil’s Church
- Talk to Chaplain Joe about being a facilitator
- Goal is to have others do the training

- Train 40 people with Grant given (Completed)

Commentary

Rev. Gray –

- Moral Injury is a “Huge Agenda”
- Underestimated process
- We should deliver more than asked

Pastor T. Yeary –

- Nothing wrong with exceeding goal
- How do we achieve sustainability? How do we maintain momentum?
- Recognize that we’ve hit the “baseline”, not the peak

Christle Baker-Gill –

- Has to be a concerted effort

Rev. Gray –

- Challenge with resources
- Should be realistic in what we are anticipating going forward

Pastor T. Yeary –

- “Progress is one step at a time”
- Collecting/recognizing that we need specifics for times, resources and mapping

Rev. Gray –

- National’s Initiative for Moral Injury?
- Developed grant was for five organizations (under National) focusing on Moral Injury
- Developing a workbook guide to use in training

Pastor T. Yeary –

- The guide is an opportunity
- Maybe a “First Step”

Zulema Joseph –

- Should goal be to pioneer this for use of others?

Rev. Gray –

- Should we pull together with other VOAC branches/states to collaborate with?

Pastor T. Yeary –

- Are grant teams operating individually? “Yes” – SG
- Ask National to create an info sharing portal about efforts being done in all 5 grants
- Clear it with National about what their expectation is for the grant

- Should be in coordination with National to make sure we are synchronized with process
- Clarity on Front End

Dave Stancil –

- Should manual be done collectively from all five grant groups
- Could we get National to give the “okay”?

Pastor T. Yeary

- Regional Distinctions? National Distinctions?
- Resources to start with?
- Feed into larger project

Education/Youth

Reported by Zulema Joseph

- Would like to have notes forwarded following meetings
- Needs some recalibration
- Make effort to stay connected
- Christle B.G. will pass on youth resources

Wrap-Up/Summary/Commentary

- Went over in-depth definition of Moral Injury vs PTSD

Zulema J. –

- At what point do we get to the spiritual aspect?
- I believe that the people shouldn't leave the way they came

Pastor T. Yeary

- Destination objective
- Resolution of plot conflict
- Grace resolution for unworthiness
- Look at it for what it can be, not only what it is
- How do we take compilation of resources?
- Must have a focus that has us able to be effective with the time we have
- How do we move on from here?
- **What has contributed to the success of the Moral Injury Group?**
 - o Leaders (Christle & Masica)
 - o Understanding it's not a “Cookie-Cutter” kind of deal
 - o Moral injury is a more defined structure/agenda

- **Should Moral Injury be the “HUB”/main topic? i.e., Effect of Moral Injury on Housing, youth & culture, education, mental health, etc.**
 - o Manageable categories
 - o How does it impact?
 - o Recognizing that moral injury plays a huge role in most of the given topics

Zulema J. –

- Does it throw the game off/redirect from original intention?
- Offers another level of direction
- Brings uniqueness in pioneering

Patricia B. –

- Expanding moral injury to be more inclusive

Rev. Gray –

- Challenge would be working with National
- They have a prescribed way of dealing with Moral Injury

Pastor T. Yeary –

- Do we have a grant summary?

Dave Stancil –

- Veterans is too narrow for Moral Injury to be the only involved
- Others are involved, i.e., doctors that treat them, children, people on the street, etc.
- Make a list of things that might be focal points for the subject
- Where does the injury grow?

Rev. Gray –

- Proposes a meeting with National before next meeting is necessary

Pastor T. Yeary –

- The GRANT is CLOSED! Create NEW Framework
- Grant review/Bring closure
- Does alternative framework make sense?
- How do we particularize housing, education, youth, etc., to Moral Injury?
- Reset/Draw out where we are now
- Before making decision, praying.

Dave Stancil – **NEXT 3 STEPS!**

1. Look back through documents/purpose
2. Ask subgroups to define amongst selves about what we could focus on/add new possibility of refocus
3. Talk/Pray about it; process to next meeting/make decision; interact with other groups

Pastor T. Yeary – **SOLE ISSUE**

- Satisfied grant?
- What do we hear our spirits saying to us about enhanced work regarding topic?

Task

- Patricia B. to send out grant summary to Rev. Gray
- Christle to send out tool kit to team
- Monthly call/check-in (doodle poll); One before Thanksgiving & one before Christmas
 - o Monday & Tuesday; Late Mornings; Non-Orientation Days work best
- Find out who other four affiliates are? Have they fulfilled their grants?