

The Many Faces of Homelessness

Austin Interfaith Civic Academy

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First United Methodist Church

September 22, 2012

Late Backup

Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and light refreshments**
- 9:00-9:20 Focus**
Co-Chairs: Rev. Jim Newman (Central Presbyterian Church)
Barbara Grove (St. David's Episcopal Church)
Keynote Speaker: Frank Fernandez (Green Doors)
- 9:20-10:15 Panel Presentation**
Moderator: Rev. John Elford (University United Methodist Church)
Frank Fernandez (Green Doors), Susan McDowell (Lifeworks),
Mitchell Gibbs (Front Steps), Irit Umani (Trinity Center), and Sharon
Lowe (Foundation for the Homeless)
- 10:15-10:25 Break**
- 10:25-11:00 Small Group Discussions**
(Please choose one group to attend)
- 1. Living Wage/Workforce Training** – Paul Skeith (Capital IDEA)
Focus Question: How do living wages and workforce training work
to alleviate homelessness?
Room 212
 - 2. Affordable Housing/Permanent Supportive Housing** – Walter
Moreau (Foundation Communities)
Focus Question: How are affordable housing and permanent
supportive housing effective responses to homelessness?
Room 213
 - 3. Barriers to Employment and Housing** – Alan Graham (Mobile
Loaves and Fishes; Sharon Bieser (St. Louise House)
Focus Question: How do we help the homeless break down the
barriers to employment and housing in Austin?
Room 217 (library)
 - 4. Available Shelter and Emergency Services** – Ann Howard
(ECHO); Jo Kathryn Quinn (Caritas)
Focus Question: How can we meet the immediate shelter and
emergency needs of the homeless?
Room 215

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5. Immigrant Needs – Catie Johnston (Casa Marianella)

Focus Question: Why is the immigrant population in Austin particularly susceptible to homelessness, and what can we do about that?

Room 214

11:00-12:00

Wrap-Up and Call to Action

Walter Moreau (Foundation Communities)

Comments from Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Members Mike Martinez , Kathie Tovo, and Chris Riley

Call to Action: Rev. Tom VandeStadt