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#### MFI Addictions Workgroup

- This workgroup has focused on starting the conversation in faith communities about addiction so that houses of worship can become the center where healing occurs
- (SPIRT) Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment classes are presented to counselors and faith based organizations
- Monthly Meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9:00am 10:30am at City Hall 1st Floor Training Room #5, 495 S. Main Street, LV. NV 89101 (No meetings November/December)
- Addictions workshops are chaired by

Nyla Christian, nyla@nylachristian.com

Pastor Jimmy Monahan, jmonaghan@canyonridge.org

#### MFI Education Workgroup

- This Workgroup does not meet on a regular basis but provides opportunities for engagement, volunteerism and participation through reading workshops and mentoring students, equipping them for a bright future
- Education workgroups are chaired by
- Co-Chair Reverend Kelsey West at k32west@aol.com
- Co-Chair Kurt Arnold at karnold@interact.ccsd.net

### MFI Human Trafficking Workgroup

- This workgroup focusses on creating real solutions on how to best educate and equip through collaborations with community partner's in addressing and ending sex trafficking in our city
- This workgroup has several high profile efforts, including producing a documentary to raise awareness of sex trafficking. The focus is finding meaningful and effective ways of rescuing those who are being exploited
- Nevada Chaplaincy provides trainings on human trafficking throughout the valley to organizations, businesses, government entities and any interested parties

#### MFI Human Trafficking Workgroup

- Pastor Kay Landwehr invites you to join her and others every Friday, from 9:00am to 10:00am, to pray specifically against human trafficking, prostitution and pornography
- Monthly Meetings take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 1:30pm 3:00pm. City Hall, 1st Floor Training Room #5, 495 S. Main Street, LV. NV 89101
- Sr. Chaplain Barry chairs this workgroup and can be reached via email at <u>chaplainbarrymain@qmail.com</u>

# MFI RECAP/Community Unity Workgroup

- This workgroup is partnering with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) to address weapons on campus and provide targeted outreach to keep the peace
- Pastor Troy Martinez provided the agenda and organized all of the pastors who participated in the citywide City Hall Prayer Vigil to pray for all those affected by the 10/1/17 shooting
- Local Pastors coordinate and facilitate monthly community pancake breakfasts in gang/drug prone areas in an effort to reduce violent retribution resulting from gang and family violence to inculcate peace and stability throughout the affected neighborhoods
- Monthly Meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:30am 12:00pm in the City Hall 1st Floor Training Room #5, 495 S. Main Street, LV. NV 89101
- Please contact MFI RECAP/Community Unity Workgroup Chair Pastor Troy Martinez at lv10000kids@yahoo.com to get involved with weekend events and activities this workgroup is involved with

## MFI Strengthening the Family Workshop

- This workgroup does not meet on a regular basis but provides opportunities for engagement/volunteerism/participation at the following events
- This workgroup holds events targeted at strengthening vulnerable families. Examples include: the City Wide Unity Prayer Celebration, which helped attendees learn about effectively assisting vulnerable individuals and families; holding a One Mile Walk For The Sake Of Our City Event to challenge male participants to "be the miracle" to end the exploitation and trafficking of children; and a Christmas party for 17 families who have family members who are currently incarcerated for low-level/non-violent crimes
- Saturday, January 13 2018 9am-12pm Citywide Unity Prayer Celebration at the Historic 5th Street School

#### MFI Homelessness Workgroup

This workgroup focuses on filling gaps in homeless services through the faith community. Strategies include:

- Housing: Organizing Summit on Tiny Home Communities
- Outreach:
  - Hydration Teams: teams that are dispatched throughout the Valley when the National Weather Center issues an extreme heat advisory in the Southern Nevada area, 108+ degrees. Water and information on cooling stations are provided.
  - Project Homeless Connect and Family Connect
  - Map Directory of faith-based relief and social service offerings
- Education on Responsible Giving and Donating
- Transportation (Goal to develop faith-based transportation network)

### MFI Tiny Homes Summit Planning Group

- This workgroup is comprised of members of the MFI Homeless Workgroup to plan a Summit on Tiny Homes.
- Goal of Summit: Provide an Educational Forum for the Faith Community and other stakeholders to learn about how to create a Tiny Home Community in Southern Nevada.
- Local and National Speakers will present ideas on:
  - Community Living/Programming Models
  - Building Designs and Concepts
  - Toolkits for planning and zoning considerations
- The Tiny Home committee is currently finalizing a schedule for our Summit that will be held on February 22, 2018. More details to be announced soon!

#### Join us!

Homeless Working Group Meetings:

Monthly Meetings take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:30am – 12:00pm in the City Hall 1st Floor Training Room #5, 495 S. Main Street, LV. NV 89101

The homeless working group is chaired by

Co-chair Emily Paulsen emily@nevadahomelessalliance.org

Co-chair Pastor Henry Sneed henrysneed67@gmail.com

Co-chair Troy Oglesbee troyoglesbee@yahoo.com

2017 Hydration Teams

### Mayor's Faith Initiative

#### Hydration Team Combined Totals

- 8 teams total
- 23,337 bottles of water
- 831 cases
- 17 cases donated to Salvation Army

#### Hydration Team Sponsors



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