

Arizona Council on  
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives  
Chair Gary Kinnaman  
Minutes for March 25, 2010

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing all faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

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- Welcome & Invocation
  - Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees. A listing is attached.
- Updates
  - Convoy of Hope. Chuck and Judith described the February 27<sup>th</sup> event that took place at Grand Canyon University.
    - 3,100 adults and their children were served a meal, received groceries and received a variety services
    - 60 social service providers and 70 churches participated
    - approx. 90% of all attendees requested prayer
    - DES Director Neal Young read a letter/statement from Governor Brewer
    - Thank you, Pastor Jason and Natalie Bachman for your leadership in bringing the Convoy of Hope to Phoenix.
  - ArizonaSERVES. Judith provided this update. Governor Brewer launched this effort on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The website is now live: [www.arizonaserves.gov](http://www.arizonaserves.gov) and applications for the Taskforce are now being accepted. The Governor's Office is looking specifically for applicants with ties to "Child Care" and asked for the Council's assistance. The Taskforce will likely be seated in the next 30 days.
  - Lift Up America – Hunger Campaign. Chair Gary spoke briefly about this effort. Sports, media, business, faith and government organizations are involved to bring significant hunger relief to Arizona. More details will be available in the coming weeks. Tricia Hoyt with Catholic Charities asked to be included in this work.
  - Arizona Governor's Prayer Breakfast. The prayer breakfast is schedule for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Registration information may be found at [www.azgovprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.azgovprayerbreakfast.org)
  - Season of Service/Arizona CityFest. Billy Thrall spoke about this effort which is underway now. A statewide Season of Service will begin this fall and will culminate in a Luis Palau CityFest in April 2011. More information will be made available soon, visit their website to learn more [www.arizonacityfest.org](http://www.arizonacityfest.org)
  - 2010 Arizona End Childhood Hunger Conference. Chuck spoke of this statewide conference that is to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Goodyear. Attendees and exhibitors may register to the is free conference at [www.endchildhungeraz.org](http://www.endchildhungeraz.org)
  - Faith Partners of Arizona. Ben and Chuck spoke of a new draft Council website, [www.faithpartnersaz.org](http://www.faithpartnersaz.org), that will serve as a communication platform for the Council. Ben, Tricia, Chuck and Rick will begin to inform the development of this website and report back to the Council with recommendations at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

- Convene, Connect, Communicate
  - Chair Gary believes we can boil everything down to three words: as a Council, because of “who we are and who we represent,” we should Convene, Connect and Communicate as it pertains to our purpose statement (see top of document). We will leave this item on future Agendas to ensure we stay true to these strategies.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
  - Chair Gary has asked for nominations for Council Chair and Co-Chair. Chuck will forward a nomination request to all Council members. We will discuss this, and perhaps, elect new leadership at our April 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.
  - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; we closed with a word of prayer.
  - Next meeting is Thursday, April 22, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
  - Adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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