



February 27, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 85013

Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

Minutes

I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees and Jay Cory opened the meeting with an invocation. Attendees introduced themselves to group.

II. “Phoenix Refugee Connections & The Refugee Highway Partnership: Global Collaboration for Serving Forcibly Displaced Peoples”



Global Outreach Pastor Bonnie Lloyd at Church For The Nations (<http://www.cftn.com>) in Phoenix, and facilitator for Phoenix Refugee Connections, led a panel of experts regarding refugee efforts in Arizona. Here is their presentation: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/RefugeePresentation.pdf>. Panel members, their affiliation, their discussion topic:

- a. Diane Dudley, Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program; the current status of resettlement efforts in Arizona. More: https://www.azdes.gov/refugee_resettlement/
- b. Cherie Gray, Executive Director, Tucson Refugee Ministry; Tracing the Refugee Journey & Engaging the Church & Community. Learn more at <http://tucsonrefugeeministry.com/>



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- c. Georgia Sepic, Owner of Serrano Village Apprtments; Serrano Village's Model for Onsite Refugee Resources. Here is a listing of programs provided at Serrano Village: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Serrano-Village-Programs.pdf>
- d. Gary DeVelder, Executive Director, Abounding Service. Creating ESL Partnerships for Empowering the Marginalized. Learn more at an upcoming awareness event (<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/AboundingService.pdf>) or more information here (<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Abounding-Service.pdf>) and at <http://aboundingservice.org>
- e. Dr. Kigabo Mbazumutima, Executive Director, Africa Health New Horizons; Catalyzing Refugee-Owned Small Business. Learn more at: <http://www.africahealthnewhorizons.org/>; or view a recent interview of him on Arizona Horizons at <http://www.azpbs.org/arizonahorizon/detailvid.php?id=2204>

Pastor Lloyd closed the conversation by speaking about the upcoming "Refugee Highway Partnership: North American Roundtable" being held at Grand Canyon University on July 22 – 25, 2014. Information packet is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/RHPNA-2014.pdf>. Updates and more information here: <http://www.rhpna.com>.

III. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. Next meeting, which is always open to the public, is March 21st.
- b. HopeFest Phoenix will be at Chase Field on Saturday, April 5th. Donations and volunteers are needed. Visit www.cityserveaz.com for all the details or to become involved.
- c. Other Member Updates
 - i. Sharon LaRue (sharon.l.larue@gmail.com) talked about Saltmine Trust's (<http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk>) human trafficking project. Their May tour to Arizona is focused on education and awareness to students, parents and the general public. There is much great work already being done to assist victims, work with law enforcement and change state laws to prosecute the offenders rather than the victims. The project is aimed at prevention, with the goal to have fewer victims in the first place. They still have openings in the tour schedule that need to be filled. Details are here: http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Saltmine_USA-Tour-2014_Promo-Letter.pdf and here: http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Saltmine_USA-Tour-2014_Fact-Sheet.pdf
 - ii. Time was short, so no other updates were shared.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Chair Kinnaman commended Pastor Bonnie Lloyd for her work as an "executive connector." He reaffirmed our role as a statewide faith council for this very purpose, of connecting people and organizations who share like passions.



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Chair Kinnaman spoke of a recent reconciliation event in Phoenix that brought together Catholic and Evangelical leaders in prayer. The event received significant acclaim including a letter from Pope Francis. Here is a photo of the letter: http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/WP_20140218_013.jpg

Chair Kinnaman spoke briefly about a recent meeting called by Governor Jan Brewer during which she sought advice regarding SB1062 from the pastors on the ArizonaSERVES Task Force.

Dr. Kigabo Mbazumutima closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting is on March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., again at Catholic Charities. Thank you so much to our super hosts - Catholic Charities!!!

Sign-in sheets are here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ACFBCIsignin.pdf>

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