



May 22, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities  
4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix

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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. Everyone briefly introduced themselves; and friendly veteran-on-veteran banter ensued. It was great fun and honoring of all military personnel.

#### II. Community Support for Veterans

Mike Wold, Healing of Memories for Veterans, and Brian Mancini, The Honor House, spoke to attendees about how faith communities can support veterans. There was much open dialogue throughout the presentation and the remainder of the meeting regarding supporting our Veterans.

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They gave very practical advice on how faith communities can help and support our Veterans. Their presentation is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Faith-Community-Veteran-Support-5-15-14.pdf>. Key challenges Veterans face are:

- Isolation
- Internal Struggle
- Feeling disconnected
- Employment
- Education
- Family Issues
- Trauma

Faith communities can make a positive impact by understanding the issues faced by Veterans and then by connecting with organizations that serve Veterans.

A few comments by Brian:

- “Veterans need their Community”
- “People with spirituality as part of their healing do much better than those without it”
- “Cry over spilt milk? No. I rage over spilt milk!”



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### III. Updates

- a. Garland Miller, Arizona Military OneSource, spoke of a variety of Veteran related programs and services that are available. Please visit [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil), and refer Veterans to this resource.

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- b. Alberto Olivas, Maricopa Community College District Center for Civic Participation, spoke of the efforts and resources in support of Veterans throughout the MCC system. His office has created a discussion guide on Veterans' issues for use in holding community discussions about how and what we all can do to support veterans transitioning back to the community after active duty. The guide is free to reproduce and use, but we strongly encourage groups that would like to use it to go through a brief training beforehand, which we also can provide at no cost to local non-profit entities, pending availability. Here is the discussion guide: [https://www.azdes.gov/uploadedFiles/ArizonaServes/Veterans Guide vJul 17 2013.pdf](https://www.azdes.gov/uploadedFiles/ArizonaServes/Veterans%20Guide%20vJul%2017%202013.pdf)

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- c. Chair Gary Kinnaman spoke of a new Faith-Based and Community Initiatives effort in Congressman Matt Salmon's Office. This effort is led by Jon McHatton, on staff at the office, and Chair Gary.
- d. Chair Gary Kinnaman spoke of an ongoing reconciliation and prayer effort between the Evangelical Church and the Catholic Church in the Phoenix area. More information is located at <http://www.cityofthelord.org>. A letter from Pope Francis recognizes the significance of this effort. Here is the letter: [http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/WP\\_20140218\\_013.jpg](http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/WP_20140218_013.jpg)

- IV. Adjourn with a word of prayer by Brian Mancini. The next Council meeting is on June 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix.

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