



**Arizona Council**  
on Faith-Based and  
Community Initiatives  
*God Enriches*

December 1, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services  
4747 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

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

### Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Invocation & Introductions.** Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees, Joel Larson opened the meeting with a word of prayer, and all attendees introduced themselves. [All meeting archives may be found here.](#)

II. **How Should the Faith Community Wait?**

Kit Danley  
President, Neighborhood Ministries

Kit spoke to attendees about her 30+ years of community development efforts in Phoenix. She briefly described the programming and impact of [Neighborhood Ministries](#) over this period. She invited attendees to the [Seeds of Promise grand opening](#) of the “silo building” on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

She then moved into the topic of our terrified community. Accurately capturing her thoughts, her heart, and her message in this document is impossible to do. Here are a few things that I wrote down during her teaching/message; there is no substitute for being at the meeting in person:

- I am filled with hope by seeing this table.
- Our connectedness is the key to transforming our communities.
- In the Bible, there are over 2,000 verses that tell us about God’s heart for the poor, the orphan, the widow and the immigrant.
- In 1999 she was given the questions: how do we accelerate compassion? Is Phoenix blind to what is happening? These questions always present in her mind.
- She asked us, when will Phoenix be broken over the things that break God’s heart? When will it not be political? Is this possible?
- The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. This is our long wait. Our wait is one of anticipating, obedience, expectation, and of prayer. Our wait is bearable because of tables like this one we sit around. Our wait must be active.
- The power of prayer is huge when it aligns with justice.

If this message of justice resonates with you, please call Kit Danley and meet with her over a cup of coffee. There is much to do, and no time to waste. Kit may be reached at [kit.danley@nmaz.org](mailto:kit.danley@nmaz.org) or 602-252-5225.



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III. **Bridging Community and Law Enforcement**

Joe Calloway  
Senior Pastor, Grace Walk Community Church

Nikki Hicks  
Community Affairs Specialist, Phoenix Police Department

Pastor Joe spoke with attendees about his personal journey, which spent a great deal of time against, versus for, law enforcement. His story was one of crime, drugs, salvation and redemption. He now works closely with law enforcement and with children who find themselves in the foster care system. He shared a [video about the Foster Children's Carnival](#) he helps to lead. He, along with Nikki Hicks, spoke of the [Faith & Justice Initiative in Phoenix](#), and his annual recognition program for law enforcement officers. Nikki also spoke about the [Arizona Angel Initiative](#) which is a pilot program that allows citizens to walk into a Police Precinct, turn in their drugs, and request treatment without fear of arrest.

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IV. Updates

- a. **Movement Day Arizona; September 15-16, 2017.** Director Billy Thrall shares the [Movement Day even flier](#) and the [Movement Day Sponsorship opportunity](#). We will talk a great deal about this event at future meetings.
- b. **Work2Win Job Fair.** Linda Morris shares this opportunity on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix. Attendees will receive up to date information on participating employers and receive special access to online applications and FREE job training information. FlourishNow is partnering with First Pentecostal Church to host this event which will include: dozens of local employers, resume reviews, workshops, and more. Don't miss your chance to get connected with the employers in your area who are hiring now! [All details may be found here.](#)
- c. **Phoenix Chorale's A Chorale Christmas.** April Jones shares information on this December 16-20 event in Phoenix. [All details may be found here.](#)

V. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn.** Closing prayer by Pastor Dick Stafford. Next meeting is January 26, 2017.

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