

A SAFE, CLEAN CITY

Faith-Based Committee
of Spokane
Proposal
to Civic and Community
Leaders



**FAITH-BASED
COMMITTEE
of SPOKANE**
Citizens for a Safe Spokane





A SAFE, CLEAN CITY PROPOSAL

Background

In 2022, the Citizens for a Safe Spokane Committee (CSS), a group largely made up of civic leaders and led by former Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, determined by a unanimous vote that many of the systems which regulate crime, homelessness, and poverty in Spokane are ineffective. The CSS Committee also determined that the best resource for developing effective proposals to solve these problems is the faith-based community. Work was begun to assemble a faith-based committee comprised of the many religions represented within the greater Spokane region. Ten different religions agreed to participate and are represented on the Faith-Based Committee of Spokane (FBCS).

Once assembled, the committee began work in December of 2022 to develop a proposal to present to Spokane's civic and community leaders. The proposal was completed in August 2023.*

Opportunity

As we consider the history of our country and the profound commitment to the importance of religion that guided our founding fathers in establishing an effective and lasting form of government, the FBCS is thankful for this opportunity to serve toward the betterment of society through use of the common life principles that all religions equally support.

* The committee's completed work has been produced in a hard-copy portfolio and is available in digital format for distribution and for use by all interested parties within our region. It is the plan of the FBCS to make formal presentations on the results of our work and to distribute copies of the portfolio at those events.



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THE FBCS CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

THE FBCS'S WORK WILL SPAN FIVE SUBJECT AREAS:

- **Category 1:** What services are religions underway in providing to heal the brokenness of people within our community: Such a listing of services provides direction for our community leaders to take in directing people to services that bring a needed wholeness to peoples' lives who currently suffer from needs that they are unable to provide for themselves.
- **Category 2:** A code of life standards that all should live by: Such a code establishes a baseline of accountabilities that all mankind should live by to promote a safe and healthy lifestyle of significance, which in turn produces a prosperous community,
- **Category 3:** Effective management of the criminal justice system: What the FBCS believes to be the best practices of the criminal justice system in developing and enforcing effective laws, ordinances, and policies.
- **Category 4:** Effective management of homelessness. A process which the FBCS recommends to best deal with the problem of homelessness that utilizes compassion and remedy for people operating within such a state. A program that works is one that takes all elements of community health and safety into account.
- **Category 5:** Defining what more the FBCS can do to build a safe and clean city. Investigation will be conducted as to what more the faith-based community of religions can do to build a safe and clean city, concentrating on deliverable methods of prevention.

OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE FBCS

The FBCS is made up of one primary committee member representing their particular religion. To best assure regular attendance, each primary member had an alternate member named for the purpose of attending the committee meetings in the event of an absence by the primary member.

In finalizing the FBCS portfolio, each member had one vote to cast in the election of each proposal. Each proposal had to be agreed upon by every member.



FBCS MEMBERS

Primary

- Viet Le—Buddhist Faith
- Father Lucas Tomson—Catholic Faith
- Vijay Anandani—Hindu & Sikh Faith
- Jennifer Hicks—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Carl Tompkins—Protestant (*Committee Facilitator*)
- Ian Robertson—The Salvation Army
- Patty Marsh—Seventh Day Adventists
- Ivan Vrunchan—Slavic Faith
- Dr. Todd Eklof—Unitarian Faith

Alternate

- Toi Tang Mulligan—Buddhist Faith
- Father Kyle Ratuiste—Catholic Faith
- Himani Agarwal—Hindu & Sikh Faith
- Steve Matthews—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Chris Perkins—Protestant (*Committee Facilitator*)
- Linda Robertson—The Salvation Army
- Gerald Haeger—Seventh Day Adventists
- Alex Kutsar—Slavic Faith
- Shane Gronholz—Unitarian Faith



*“Of all the
dispositions
and habits
which lead to
political prosperity,
religion and morality
are indispensable
supports.”*

— George Washington —



Category 1: The Faith-Based Service Directory

The first stage of work by the FBCS is constructing a current listing of services that the faith-based community currently provides for people needing assistance. As the FBCS has become familiar with The Fig Tree organization and their production of an annual resource directory, we have shared our listing of services with The Fig Tree for their use in updating their publication.

Our service directory is classified into the following categories:

- Food and clothing programs
- Congregations
- Housing and Shelters
- Children and Families
- Homeless Outreach
- Financial & Public Assistance
- Outdoors & Recreation
- Health & wellness
- Public Safety
- Education & job training
- Human Resources
- Senior Resources
- Transportation
- Addiction & Recovery
- Household Items & Repair

In total, the faith-based service directory lists 144 service providers, each funded and operated by a particular religious group. The listing of those services follows.

Faith-Based Service Directory

FOOD & CLOTHING PROGRAMS

Clothe a Kid

Clothing – The Salvation Army
Kenneth Perine
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
222 E. Indiana,
Spokane, WA, 99207

New clothes for start of school for 150 children

Thanksgiving Meals

Food – The Salvation Army
Kenneth Perine
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
222 E. Indiana,
Spokane, WA, 99207

Giving away 270 traditional meals.

Food Bank

Food – The Salvation Army
Cassandra C.
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
222 E. Indiana,
Spokane, WA, 99207

Emergency food for families

Better Living Center (BLC)

Food Pantry – Seventh-Day Adventists
Linda Westermeyer
509-325-1258
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207
Tue 9am-12pm & 1-4pm & Thu
9am - 1pm

Food pantry serving Spokane

Community Food Pantry

Food Pantry – Otis Orchards SDA Church
Darrell George
509-842-2355
www.otisorchardssda.org/
4308 N Harvard Rd, Otis
Orchards, WA 99027
Tuesdays 10am - 2pm

Food Pantry

Multi-Cultural Food Pantry –
Seventh-Day Adventists
1201 W Spofford Ave,
Spokane WA 99228
Alternate Fridays 4-6 p.m.

This food pantry serves families in the area of the church

Sack Lunches Cannon St Shelter

Food – Multi-Cultural SDA Church
Every other Monday they make
90 sack lunches for Cannon Street
Shelter

Neighborhood Food Kiosk

Food – Multi-Cultural SDA Church
Supply food for neighborhood food
kiosk

God's Closet

Children's Clothing – Spokane
Central SDA Church
509-280-9603
<https://www.facebook.com/godsclosetspokane>
Spokane Central Church
Fellowship Hall
10 am - 1 pm Sundays on a
quarterly basis -- February 12
and April 23

For a \$1 entrance fee attendees receive a minimum of 3 bags to stuff as full with pre-sorted children's clothing

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Free Food Pantry – Unitarian
Office
509-325-6383
www.littlefreepantry.org
4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
24hrs

Church Entryway

LDS Welfare Home Storage & StoreHouse

Food Program – LDS
928-2535
providentliving.org
9423 E. 4th,
Spokane, WA, 99206

Food to members and friends

Lutheran Community Services NW

Human Services – Protestant
509-747-8224
lcsnw.org/Spokane
210 W. Sprague,
Spokane, WA, 99201



Union Gospel Mission Shelter

Human Services – Protestant
509-535-8510
uniongospelmission.org
1224 E. Trent,
Spokane, WA, 99220
noon and 6:00 PM daily

Meals

HRC Ministries

Food Program – Protestant
509-922-0939
hrcministries.com
14415 E. Sprague Ave., #5,
Spokane Valley, WA,
99216

Food pantry and distribution

All Saints Lutheran Church Food Bank

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-838-4409
314 S. Spruce,
Spokane, WA, 99201
10-12 M & W

Food bank

Bethel AME Food Pantry

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-558-1148
bethelamespokane.com
600 S. Richard Allen Ct.,
Spokane, WA
1 PM on Thursdays

Food bank

Breaking Bread Rescue Market

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-325-0343
ffcc.us

Family of Faith
Community,
1504 W. Grace,
Spokane, WA, 99205
FB 10-12 T; MS 5:30 F

Food and meals; those needing recovery

Blessings Under the Bridge

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-869-6584
butb.org
McClelland & 4th,
Spokane, WA
5:30 on Wed.

Clothes, hygiene, meals

Calvary Baptist Soup Kitchen

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Betty Dumas
509-747-8793
cbcjny.org
203 E. 3rd,
Spokane, WA, 99202
10-12 Sat.

Meals

City Gate Food Bank

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Erick Muriko
509-455-9670
thecitygate-spokane.org
170 S. Madison,
Spokane, WA, 99201
8-M, 12:30-Sa, 7 PM T-F

Food, clothes, hygiene, meals

Cup of Cool Water

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Amanda Jones
509-747-6686
cupofcoolwater.org
1106 W. 2nd,
Spokane, WA, 99201
10-4 M-Th; 10-1 F

Food, clothes, hygiene, meals

Kingdom of Christ Ministries

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Louis Bonds
509-558-1148
KFC2Ministries
218 S. Howard,
Spokane, WA, 99201
4 Sun

Food, clothes, hygiene, meals, household

Mosaic-Changing Lives Ministry

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Bob Putnam
mosaicspokane.com
218 S. Howard,
Spokane, WA, 99201
4-F, 12:30-Su, Grocery
4-Sa

Food, meals

New Hope Resource Center

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Jeanna Swanson
509-467-2900
newhoperesource.org
4211 E. Colbert, Colbert,
WA, 99005
9-1:30 T, Th.

Clothes, hygiene, household

Off Broadway Family Outreach

Food & Clothing – Protestant
Janice Foland
509-998-2630
offbroadwaylighthouse.com
2225 W. Mallon,
Spokane, WA, 99201

FB 8:30-10:30 TF; MS
6:00 PM M

Food, clothes, hygiene, household, meals

Revive Church

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-217-8453
therevivalishere.com
12 W. Pacific,
Spokane, WA, 99201
Noon SaSu, 10:00-2:00
M, 6:00 PM M-F

Food, clothes, meals

North Church-Serve Spokane

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-998-5722
ServeSpokane.org
8303 N. Division,
Spokane, WA, 99208
12:30-2:30 TTh, 9:00-
11:30 2nd & 4th Sa

Food, clothes, household, hygiene

Westminster Presbyterian

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-329-0351
2705 W. Boone,
Spokane, WA, 99201
11:00-1:45 WF

Meals

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-926-7966
holyltrinitylcmc.org
2511 S. Pines Rd,
Spokane Valley, WA
99206
8:00 F

Meals

Klothes Kloset

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-926-2673
opportunitychristianfellowship.org
12321 E. 14th, Spokane
Valley, WA, 99206
10-2 WTh

Food, clothes, hygiene

Peace Pantry-Easpoint Church

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-533-6800
peace@eastpointchurch.org
15303 E. Sprague,
Ste A, Spokane Valley,
WA, 99212
10-2 Th

Food, household

Real Life Otis Ministries

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-232-0840
realifeotis.church
4904 N. Harvard,
Spokane, WA, 99027
9-12, 3-6 T-F

Food

Valley Assembly of God

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-924-0466
15618 E. Broadway,
Spokane Valley, WA,
99037
4-6 W; Dinner 5 W

Food, meals

Valley Real Life Ministries

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-232-0840
vrl.church
1831 S. Barker Rd.,
Spokane Valley, WA,
99016
8-4 M-F, meal 6:15 M

Food, meals

Caritas Outreach Ministries

Rental/Utility – Protestant
Kelsie Rowland
509-326-2249
caritasoutreachministries.org
1228 W. Nebraska,
Spokane, WA, 99205

Utility assistance, fuel vouchers

Shalom Ministries/New Community

Food & Clothing – Protestant
509-455-9019
shalommeal.org
518 W. 3rd,
Spokane, WA, 99201
Breakfast 7:30 M-Th,
Dinner 4:30 MT

Meals

CONGREGATIONS

The Salvation Army Corps

Worship – The Salvation Army
Kenneth Perine
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
222 E. Indiana, Spokane,
WA, 99207

Regional office and worship center

BLC

Chaplain – Seventh-Day
Adventists

Gerald Haeger
509-242-0628
Weekly hours

A chaplain will be available to visit, be a friend, and encourage clients.



VBS in the Park

Youth Worship – Seventh-Day Adventists

Wendy Urbin/Gayle Haeger
509-242-0628

www.renewspokane.org

Ruth Park, 6011 N Calispel St,
Spokane, WA

One week during summer

Fun time with singing, character-building stories using puppets, great crafts, games, and snacks including fresh fruits and other delicious foods

Journey to the Cross

Worship – Seventh-Day Adventists

509-926-5866

office@valleyadventist.org

www.renewspokane.org

Spokane Valley Adventist Church
1601 S Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley,
WA 99037

Easter Weekend - Friday, Saturday,
Sunday Evenings

A moving walk-through re-enactment with music/acting/animals Easter weekend.

Journey to Bethlehem

Worship – Seventh-Day Adventists

509-448-6425

churchoffice@southhillchurch.us

www.renewspokane.org

South Hill SDA Church
5607 S Freya St, Spokane, WA 99223
Weekend - early December

A moving walk-through re-enactment with music/acting/animals of the Christmas story.

Trent Shelter Group

Worship – West Plains SDA Church Plant
208-930-5512 (Jace Addison)

Weekly a van from West Plains provides transportation, inspiration, friendship, and a meal for those interested in attending the church service each Sabbath morning.

Vacation Bible School

Worship – Seventh-Day Adventists

www.renewspokane.org

Most SDA Churches offer VBS programs for children during the summer months. Character building, crafts, games, and stories provided.

Pilgrim Slavic Baptist

Worship – Evangelical Slavic

Alexander Cherniko
509-747-6460

<https://churchpilgrim.org>

212. S. Lincoln, Spokane, WA, 99201

Slavic church worship center

The Main Story - Painting Gallery

Gallery – Evangelical Slavic

Vladimir Kronin

509-992-4844

<http://mainstorygallery.art/>

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Worship – Unitarian

Dr. Todd Eklof

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224

Unitarian Church worship center

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Sunday Services – Unitarian

Dr. Todd Eklof

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
9:15 - 10:15 AM &
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

UU Church Sanctuary

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Childcare – Unitarian

Stephanie Gronholz

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
11:00 AM

Religious Education Wing

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Kercera Dojo – Unitarian

Dr. Todd Eklof

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
Tues. 6:00 - 8:00 PM

UU Church Chapel & Zoom

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Choir Practice – Unitarian

Deb Jaquemin

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
Thurs. 6:00 - 8:00 PM

UU Church Sanctuary

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Our Whole Lives – Unitarian

Stephanie Gronholz

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
As Scheduled

Religious Education Wing

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Buddhist Meditation – Sravasti Abbey

Cyndy Cilyo

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
Mondays @ 6:30 PM

Currently Zoom Only

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Touchstones – Unitarian

Gordon Diddens

509-325-6383

uuspokane.org

4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
1st & 3rd Tues @ 6:30 PM

UU Church of Spokane

Spokane Islamic Center

Worship – Islam

509-482-2608

spokaneislamiccenter.org

6411 E. 2nd, Spokane, WA, 99209

Islamic worship center

Spokane Hindu Temple & Cultural Center

Worship – Hindu

shtcc.org

5115 S. Freya, Spokane, WA, 99223

Hindu Worship Center

Spokane Buddhist Temple

Worship – Buddhist

Melissa Opel

509-534-7954

buddhisttemple.org

927 S. Perry St. Spokane, WA, 99202

Buddhist worship center

St. Peter Catholic Church

Worship – Catholic

Father Lucas Tomson

509-534-2227

stpetersspokane.org

3520 E. 18th, Spokane, WA 99223

Catholic Church

Vietnamese Buddhist Community

Worship & Meditation – Buddhist

Hoa Nguyen

509.270.2355

5017 N Regal St.,

Spokane, WA 99217

Every Sunday (11:00-13:00)

Buddhist worship and meditation

Spokane Buddhist Temple

Worship – Buddhist

Melissa Opel

509-534-7954

buddhisttemple.org

927 S. Perry St. Spokane, WA, 99202

Buddhist worship center



Worship

Worship – LDS

comeuntochrist.org

Website provides option to select a meetinghouse near you

Mosaic Fellowship

Worship – Protestant

Jesse Achenbach

509-747-3007

mosaicspokane.com

606 W. 3rd, Spokane, WA, 99201

Sun. 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM

Changing Lives ministry every Saturday at 5:00 PM

Shine 104.9 Radio Station

News and Broadcast –

www.shine1049.org/

HOUSING & SHELTERS

The Salvation Army Family Services

Human Services – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Food bank, emergency services, transitional housing, shelter, family counseling center, homes for kids removed from their homes

The Salvation Army Emergency Shelter

Shelter – The Salvation Army

Shelly Cowin

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

204 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Shelter and management of homeless families

The Way Out Center

Housing – The Salvation Army

Gerriann A.

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

55 W Mission, Spokane, WA 99207

Program for adults ready to move out of homelessness

Trent Resource & Assistance Shelter

Housing – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

4320 E Trent, Spokane WA 99212

360 beds, meals, caseworkers for homeless adults

Spokane Slavic Association

Home/Housing – Evangelical Slavic

www.spokaneslavicassociation.org

Catholic Housing Communities

Housing – Catholic

509-456-2279

cceasternwa.org

12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202

Apartments for low income individuals

Emergency Financial Assistance

Rental/Utility – Catholic

509-358-4963

cceasternwa.org

12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202

Homeless Resources

Shelter – Catholic

509-325-5005

cceasternwa.org

19 W. Pacific, Spokane, WA, 99201

Rapid rehousing; temporary housing

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Evangeline's House

Foster Care & Adoptions –

The Salvation Army

Angela G.

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Emergency foster care for teenagers and young adults

Sally's House

Foster Care & Adoptions –

The Salvation Army

Becky H.

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Emergency foster care for 2-12 year old children

Family Resource Center

Counseling – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Helping families through emergencies

Nurturing and Visitation Center

Counseling – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Court-ordered supervised family visitation

Community Center

Counseling – The Salvation Army

Cassandra C.

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207

Community Game Night

Community Activity – Seventh-Day Adventists

Pastor Greg Carter

509-328-5900

Periodic

Interactive, fun time for community to come together for old-fashioned games

Divorce Care

Divorce – Protestant

Valley Real Life

509-232-0849

divorcecare.org

Group support to divorced people

ProjectSix 19

Sexuality – Protestant

509-279-2738

1717 W. Northwest Blvd., Suite 2B

Fosters conversation and training related to sex, sexuality and relationships.

Catholic Divorce Survival Group

Divorce – Catholic

Donna Petorcelli

509-468-8429

catholicdivorce.org

Group support to divorced people

St. Anne's Children & Family Center

Children Learning – Catholic

509-232-1111

stanneskids.com

25 W. 5th, Spokane, WA, 99202

Childcare & curriculum for 1-12 month olds

Catholic Charities of Eastern WA

Human Services – Catholic

Robert McCann

509-358-4250

cceasternwa.org

12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202

Families in crisis service center

HOMELESS OUTREACH

Cannon Street Homeless Shelter

Homeless Shelter – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

527 S Cannon St,

Spokane WA 99201

60 beds, meals, caseworkers for homeless adults

Spokane Homeless Connect

Homeless Support – Seventh-Day Adventists

Wendy Urbin/Gayle Haeger

509-242-0628

Spokane Convention Center

Annual Event in January

Yearly Adventist Community Services supports and has a booth at Spokane Homeless Connect

FINANCIAL & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Backpacks for Kids

Children School Supplies – The Salvation Army

Kenneth Perine

509-325-6810

spokane.salvationarmy.org

222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207



Adopt-a-Family

Christmas Gifts – The Salvation Army
Kenneth Perine
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
222 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA, 99207
Heartwarming Christmas gifts for 90-100 families

BLC

Backpack Give Away – Linwood SDA Church
Jane Williams
509-327-4400
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207
Aug/Sept

BLC

Christmas Gifts for children – Linwood SDA Church
Jane Williams
509-327-4400
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207
December
Food pantry parents choose lovely age-appropriate gifts for all children.

Upper Columbia Academy HOPE TASKFORCE

Community Support – Seventh-Day Adventists
Curtis Anderson
509-245-3600
www.ucaa.org
Quarterly
Students and staff share their time and energy helping individuals and organizations in the community.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Foundations & Benevolence – Catholic
509-358-4273
usccb.org/cchd
12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202
Grants to nonprofits addressing root causes of poverty

Christmas Bureau/Catholic Charities

Foundations & Benevolence – Catholic
509-358-4254
cceasternwa.org
12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202
Ten days in December providing toys, books and grocery vouchers to low income families

OUTDOORS & RECREATION

Camp Gifford

Recreation & Education – The Salvation Army
Kenneth Perine
509-325-6810
spokane.salvationarmy.org
3846 N Deer Lake Rd,
Loon Lake, WA 99148
Summer camps, retreats

STEAM Ahead Camp MiVoden Experience

Summer Youth Camp – Seventh-day Adventists
Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
A scholarship for a one-week summer camp experience on beautiful Hayden Lake is given to all STEAM Ahead students

STEAM Ahead Family Meal & Games

Family Camp – Seventh-day Adventists
Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
808 W Spofford Ave,
Spokane, WA 99209
3-4 times a school year
2 times a year family members of students are invited to an evening meal & games

STEAM Ahead summer program

Youth Summer Camp – Seventh-day Adventists
Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
www.renewspokane.org
808 W Spofford Ave,
Spokane, WA 99209
3 weeks in summer (2 hour segments)
3 weeks of STEAM programming (e.g., Lego Robotics, Art, Cooking Classes, Microbiology) available to neighborhood children and others. No charge.

Community Garden

Community Garden – Seventh-Day Adventists
Spokane Valley Adventist Church
Summer
Plots available for members and neighbors

North View Seventh-day Adventist Church is proposed for summer, 2023

Community Garden – Seventh-Day Adventists
509-467-8876
www.northviewadventist.org
Spokane North View SDA Church
12405 N Wilson St, Mead, WA 99201

Spokane Valley Community Garden

Community Garden – Seventh-Day Adventists
Tatianna Barker
509-926-5866
1601 S Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037

St Johns Cathedral

Community Garden – Catholic
509-838-4277
stjohns-cathedral.org
127 E 12th, Spokane, WA, 99202
Provision of community garden

St Josephs Church

Community Garden – Catholic
Cindy
509-926-7133
stjoeparish.org
4521 N. Arden,
Otis Orchards, WA 99025
Provision of community garden

Church of the Nazarene

Community Gardens – Protestant
509-235-6261
cheneynaz.org
338 W Betz, Cheney, WA, 99004
Provision of community garden

All Saints Lutheran Church

Community Gardens – Protestant
509-838-4409
314 S Spruce St,
Spokane, WA, 99201
Provision of community garden

HEALTH & WELLNESS

BLC

Dental Clinic – Seventh-Day Adventists
509-992-1976
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207
Limited hours
Call for information

Blue Christmas

Counseling – Seventh-Day Adventists
Heidi Jones (Chaplain)
509-242-0628
www.renewspokane.org
Friday evening - early December
A community event providing time of reflection for those who are grieving, sad, or lonely in the holiday season

"Peace Be Still"

Counseling – Seventh-Day Adventists
Heidi Jones (Chaplain)
509-242-0628
www.renewspokane.org
A complimentary weekly newsletter providing support and comfort to those journey through the shadows of grief & loss.

Dinner with the Doctor

Education – Seventh-Day Adventists
www.northviewadventist.org/
North View Church & Spokane Valley Church have offered this very popular program a number of times in the past. Times vary - usually on a Sunday afternoon
Seminars are offered on a specific topic by medical personnel, followed by a cooking class, and plant-based meal.



Total Health Spokane Health Coaching

Health Coaching – North View SDA Church

509-467-8876

www.northviewadventist.org/

Spokane North View SDA Church

12405 N Wilson St,

Mead, WA 99201

Varied

Personalized health Coaching by trained volunteers offering one hour weekly .

Total Health Spokane Lifestart Classes

Health Coaching – North View SDA Church

509-467-8876

www.northviewadventist.org/

Spokane North View SDA Church

12405 N Wilson St,

Mead, WA 99201

Variety of classes for healthful living offered periodically (e.g., weight loss, reversing heart disease; lowering hypertension, etc.)

West Plains Health Coaching

Health Education – North View SDA Church

509-467-8876

www.northviewadventist.org/

Spokane North View SDA Church

12405 N Wilson St,

Mead, WA 99201

Personalized health Coaching by trained volunteers offering one hour weekly .

St. Peter Catholic Church

GriefShare – Catholic

Father Lucas Tomson

509-534-2227

3520 E. 18th, Spokane, WA 99223

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Airway Heights Baptist

GriefShare – Protestant

509-808-4531

12322 W. Sunset Hwy,

Airway Heights, WA,

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Eastpoint Church

GriefShare – Protestant

509-244-2474

15303 E. Sprague, Ste A,

Spokane Valley, WA, 99212

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Mission Church

GriefShare – Protestant

509-928-7600

3001 N Pines,

Spokane Valley, WA, 99206

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Mosaic Fellowship

GriefShare – Protestant

509-496-2290

606 W. 3rd, Spokane, WA, 99201

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Turning Point Open Bible

GriefShare – Protestant

509-496-6248

11911 N. Division St, Spokane, WA

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

Valley Assembly of God

GriefShare – Protestant

509-924-0466

15618 E. Broadway,

Spokane Valley, WA, 99037

Christian based support groups for those experiencing recent loss of family member or friend

PUBLIC SAFETY

Spokane County Emergency

Management (SCEM) use of UCC

Conference Center

Emergency Management Training – Seventh-Day Adventists

Patty Marsh

509-242-0621

3715 S. Grove Rd,

Spokane, WA, 99224

Periodically

Several times a year Emergency Management training is conducted at the UCC Conference Center

Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) is supported by SCEM

Disaster Relief – Seventh-Day Adventists

Patty Marsh

509-242-0621

3715 S Grove Rd,

Spokane, WA 99224

1st Tuesday of every month

(9 - 11am)

Disaster response teams become acquainted and develop trust before a disaster strikes while learning together.

Ready to support Spokane County Emergency Management when needed

Disaster Response – Seventh-Day Adventists

Patty Marsh

509-242-0621

EDUCATION & JOB TRAINING

Diabetes Reversed

Educational Seminars – Spokane Central SDA Church

Chaplain Gerald Haeger

509-328-5900

www.renewspokane.org

Locations/dates vary around the Greater Spokane area

Spokane Valley Gardening Seminar

Educational Seminars – Seventh-Day Adventists

Tatianna Barker

509-926-5866

www.renewspokane.org

Spokane Valley Adventist Church

1601 S Sullivan Rd,

Spokane Valley, WA 99037

15-Jan-23

Topics include: basic gardening, planting your own seeds, review of local edible plants and their use, & how to extend the season and garden year-round with the use of a greenhouse.

Depression Recovery

Educational Seminars – Spokane Central SDA Church

Chaplain Gerald Haeger

509-328-5900

www.renewspokane.org

Locations/dates vary around the Greater Spokane area

Drug Recovery Program

Educational Seminars – Spokane Central SDA Church

Pastor Greg Carter

509-328-5900

Locations/dates vary around the Greater Spokane area

Monday

Under the direction of a physician and working with a counselor

Single-Parent Support Group

Educational Seminars – Spokane Central SDA Church

509-328-5900

Spokane Central Church and the

Better Living Center -- 13 weeks

Wednesday evening

Seminar with a meal and free child care (13 weeks)

Grief Sessions

Educational Seminars – Spokane Central SDA Church

509-328-5900

Locations/dates vary around the Greater Spokane area

A six-week seminar designed to support people experiencing grief.



BLC

Seminars – Seventh-Day Adventists

Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207
Periodically

Finance, budgeting, health, and food Prep training

Central Seventh-day Adventist Church (supported by various SDA Churches in the area)

Student Education – Seventh-day Adventists

Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
808 W Spofford Ave, S
Spokane, WA 99209
Tues Wed

STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts, math) for 3rd grade students from Garfield and Logan Elementary

North View Gardening Seminar

Educational Seminars – Seventh-Day Adventists

North View Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Women's Book Club – Unitarian

Donna Borden Rhodes
509-325-6383
uuspokane.org
4340 W. Whistalks Way,
Spokane, WA, 99224
3rd Thurs @ 1:00 P.M.

Location Varies

LDS Employment Resource Center

Employment – LDS

509-789-3708

LDSjobs.org

1620 E. 29th, Spokane, WA, 99203

Assisting in locating employment for the unemployed

UGM Motors

Employment – Protestant

Jim Stroh
509-327-4357
ugmmotors.org
7103 E. Sprague,
Spokane, WA, 99212

Job and discipleship training

Real Life Community Assistance

Employment – Protestant

208-777-8600

reallifeministires.com

1860 N. Cecil, Bldg1, Post Falls, ID

Job search services; interview and resume' training

Public school teachers recognition program

School Teacher Recognition – Spokane Central SDA Church

Gayle Haeger
509-720-4936
Spokane Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall
Spring

Treats and lovely hand made thank you card is made for every teacher & staff member of Garfield Elementary.

HUMAN RIGHTS & DIVERSITY

All Nations Warriors for Christ

Multi-cultural celebration – Spokane Central SDA & BLC

Loretta Kern
509-328-5900
15 E. North Foothills Dr,
Spokane 99207

Spiritual support / enrichment / Christmas Party / Gifts/Fellowship for Native Americans

All Nations Warriors for Christ Christmas Party

Native American Celebration – Seventh-Day Adventists

509-328-5900
Yearly in December for almost 2 decades

A wonderful Christmas party offering native food, fellowship, and wonderful gifts for the children. More than 2 dozen tribes participate. Over 180+ attend.

Ukrainian Closet and Humanitarian Ministry

Refugee – Evangelical Slavic

Zhanna Oberemok
509-868-9263
<https://spokaneslavicassociation.org/ukrainian-closet/>

Ukraine Relief Coalition

Relief – Evangelical Slavic

Boris Borisov
509-919-7880
<https://ukrainereliefcoalition.org>

Thrive International

Multicultural Community Center – Evangelical Slavic

Vladimir Kronin
509-992-4844
<https://thriveint.org>

Immigration Legal Services

Immigration & Refugees – Catholic Matthew Larson

509-455-4960
cceasternwa.org
12 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202

Representation and assistance to immigrants of all nationalities, ethnicities and religions.

SENIOR RESOURCES

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TRANSPORTATION

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ADDICTION & RECOVERY

Drug Recovery

Drug Recovery – North View SDA Church

www.northviewadventist.org/
Spokane North View SDA Church
12405 N Wilson St,
Mead, WA 99201

Week-long inspirational program given by a previously drug-addicted presenter with follow-up programs.

Recovery Dharma-Buddhist Recovery Network

Addiction/Recovery – Buddhist

soulscenter.com/recovery-dharma.html
buddhistrecovery.org
707 N. Cedar, Ste 2,
Spokane, WA, 99201

Peer-led meetings, readings and meditations

Rising Strong

Addiction/Recovery – Catholic

509-960-8632
cceasternwa.org
1960 N Holy Names Ct,
Spokane, WA, 99224

Family-centered drug treatment and housing program

Spokane Dream Center

Addiction/Recovery – Protestant

509-624-1363
spokanedreamcenter.org
2128 N. Pines Rd, Ste 17K,
Spokane Valley, WA, 99206

Shelter and rehab 12 month center

LDS Family Services

Addiction Recovery – LDS

<https://addictionrecovery.churchofjesuschrist.org/>

Free 12 Step Addiction Recovery Program

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & REPAIR

Community Assist

Community Assist – West Plains SDA

509-467-8876
www.northviewadventist.org/
West Plains Adventist Church
in Airway Heights

Two days a week a team of four assist community members in various ways



Category 2: The FBCS Code of Life Standards

Developing a code of life standards, the second phase of work completed by the FBCS, is foundational toward the goal of providing faith-based solutions to best ensure a safe and clean city where all mankind can live in dignity. For society to be adequately regulated by its citizens and governing bodies, there must exist a baseline code of values and resulting conduct that must be embraced and followed by everyone. Referred to as a “Code of Life Standards,” such a code must be taken into account as families are raised, children are educated, when laws are written, and when laws are enforced. The higher the values and resulting conduct defined within a code of life standards, the greater the outcome toward a thriving community that lives in a peaceful and secure manner.

The outcome of the FBCS proposal within this section of work will be the provision of accountabilities that people have for themselves, their families, and society.

A. ACCOUNTABILITIES FOR SELF

That Define One’s Character

- Knowledge & Wisdom – *To gain education in the disciplines of executive function, which revolves around the skills of people thinking before they act and consider the consequences.*
- Ethics & Moral Integrity – *Virtues of goodness and uprightness.*
- Love – *Admiration, delight, devotion, and benevolence of others.*
- Honesty – *Sincerity, fairness, and straightforwardness of conduct.*
- Responsible – *Self-dependence, living up to the dignity of work, and being productive.*
- Trustworthy – *Worthy of confidence, true, and steady.*
- Generous – *Noble and kind in spirit, attentive to the needs of others.*
- Humble – *Freedom from pride and arrogance; a model of modesty.*
- Dignity – *Reserved in manner, demonstrating the quality of worthiness and honor.*



- Courage – Mental strength to venture and persevere.
- Peaceful – Quiet, tranquil, devoid of violence or force.
- Mercy – Compassion and forbearance.
- Hope – Expecting fulfillment with confidence.
- Justice – Impartial and fair.

B. ACCOUNTABILITIES FOR FAMILY

That Build a Strong, Well-Educated Family

- Commitment – To maintain and foster healthy relationships.
- Serve – To be attentive and provide for the needs of the family.
- Educate & Nurture – Sharing knowledge, values, skills, and respect.
- Honor – Live honorably.
- Joy – Be a source of happiness, calm, and contentment.
- Protect – To provide safety and security.
- Respect – Holding a common regard between all family members.

C. ACCOUNTABILITIES TOWARD SOCIETY

That will Promote a Safe, Clean Community

- Law Abiding – Obedience to the code of moral and ethical laws.
- Generosity & Service – Contribute to society.
- Truthful – Be truthful in all matters.
- Restitution – Restorative justice covering any loss.
- Respect – Uphold the dignity and worth of others.
- Justice – Being fair in all judgements and treating others as equals in all applications of the law.
- Peaceful – Promote peaceful outcomes.
- Equality – Providing equal opportunities, access, and treatment.
- Unity – Living and working for the common good.
- Environment – Being of good environmental stewardship.
- Liberty – Honoring and protecting the freedom to pursue life, liberty, and happiness.



Category 3:

The FBCS Criminal Justice Recommendations

An effective and efficient criminal justice system is essential within all communities for the sake of providing a safe and clean community for its residents. Considering that civic leaders within our community have expressed their concerns over the growing population of crime offenders, they have requested proposals from the FBCS as to what should be done to improve our current criminal justice system. Such a request makes good sense considering that nearly seventy percent of state tax dollars is allocated toward the criminal justice system, which involves between only five and eight percent of our state's population; reform is in order.

The FBCS makes the following recommendations that will improve our criminal justice system, which over time will be proven by reduced crime and fewer incarcerations.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY:

The subject of loving accountability is foundational within the criminal justice system, meaning that all people should be held accountable for their actions. By adding the concept of "loving" to the requirement of accountability, the FBCS adds the provision of compassion and dignity within the act of holding people accountable. The criminal justice system should

not only carry the appropriate degrees of retribution and punishment, but, in the largest sense, be restorative. Loving accountability provides the avenue of developing self-worth, and the spirit of loving accountability should exist within all legislative policies that pertain to criminal justice.

When prescribed accountabilitys within the law are violated by any one individual, the pertinent

penalties prescribed by the law must be enforced, absent any favoritism or unequal scales of measure. All people should be met with equal concern, respect, and treatment when encountering law enforcement and the judicial system, regardless of race, gender, economic status, religion, age, military service, or any other qualities of individual identity.



RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

It is upheld by most that the criminal justice system should be reformational for violators of the law. Key to honoring this concept is to ensure the establishment and maintenance of an effective process of rehabilitation. For those judged as being willing and capable of receiving rehabilitation, the successful completion of treatment must be monitored and achieved, or the violator would face the appropriate terms of incarceration. Such practice, which incorporates an attitude and process of respect for everyone involved, provides the recommended level of compassion while also protecting the public.

See Appendix A- Success Story

As mental health and drug dependency play a large role in peoples' criminal behavior, new and higher levels of consideration must be given within the process of assessing offenders' psychiatric and social conditions prior to sentencing. Only then can the most effective means of rehabilitation be utilized. As incarceration may play a necessary role in the rehabilitation process, the criminal justice system must undertake all necessary procedures to protect the quality of life conducive to people's health and wholeness as dignified human beings while in custody.

An important step within the overall process of rehabilitation is for authorities to connect the offender with a pastoral leader of

the faith that they prefer. Such a connection provides an additional and needed source of support.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT:

It is believed by the FBCS that the provision of law enforcement, whose charter is to serve and protect the public, is essential. Therefore, it is critical that all levels of government take on and live out their required support of those who serve in this capacity.

In part, such support includes the fair assessment of law enforcement practices, holding all officers responsible for legal and appropriate behavior.

It is believed by the FBCS that the vast majority of law enforcement officers conduct themselves well within the boundaries of their required practices and behavior.

CRIMINAL SENTENCING:

It is believed by the FBCS that the penalty should fit the crime, meaning that the sentencing of any guilty crime offender should be strong enough to be viewed as a deterrent.

Due to the severity of impact on society, the FBCS recommends that the full sentencing for narcotics sales or distribution be fully enforced for those found guilty of such crimes.¹

The sentencing process is to remain compatible with the restorative

theme of criminal justice and, when appropriate, the sentencing hearing should bring all people involved together to discuss the most beneficial sentencing that would benefit both the violator of the crime as well as those affected by the violation. Incarceration alone has not been proven to be the best deterrent from future crime involvement, nor restorative in nature.

See Appendix B – Success Story

Governing authorities must assure that adequate facility space and accommodation is available to incarcerate convicted violators of the law when such sentencing is deemed necessary.

RESTITUTION:

Penalties within the law, where the victim has experienced property loss or injury, offenders are mandated to make reparation to the fullest extent possible.

FAMILY:

Family must be viewed as the first and irreplaceable school of social life and the stimulus for creating respected community relationships.²

Every effort must be taken toward the strengthening of the family unit, whether biological or surrogate relationships, which offer care, safety, support, guidance, respect, and love.

Civic responsibilities should include:

- The development and support of all policies that advocate family.

¹ Mark Cuniff, Ilene Bergemann, H. Paul Hays. (September 30, 1989). *Drug Trafficking: A Sentencing Perspective*. Bureau of Justice Statistics. <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/drug-trafficking-sentencing-perspective>.

² Fagan, Patrick. (March 17,1995). *The Real Root Cause of Violent Crime: The Breakdown of Marriage, Family, and Community*. Retrieved July 7, 2023. <https://www.heritage.org/crime-and-justice/report/the-real-root-causes-violent-crime-the-breakdown-marriage-family-and>



- Eliminate policies that are adversarial toward family values and unity.
- Developing and maintaining connections with schools and educators to learn of at-risk youth who require support in family development.
- Have the means of connecting at risk family members with service providers who can render family support and monitor the progress of each participant.
- Connect families with their preferred religion centers for family support and mentoring.

EDUCATION:

It must be recognized that most students now come up through a family environment having inadequate parental guidance, making the formal education system a key resource in youth mentorship and development.

The criminal justice system must take the initiative of providing direction for the public and private school systems to educate students on the merits of civics, making sure that the benefits and consequences of people's actions are well defined. The theme of encouragement should be, "To participate well and be significant."

A key initiative should be to promote the participation of students with community service projects, where they can experience the quality of compassion, which has proven to put participating students on the right path of significance.³

³ Resource: Generation Alive, 418 W. Sharp, Spokane, WA., 99201. Phone 509.747.6054. Email hello@generation-alive.org.



Category 4: The FBCS Recommendations on Homelessness

The subject of homelessness grows in intensity with each passing day. Homelessness threatens the health and safety of not only the victims of this tragedy, but the surrounding communities at large; no one wins when homelessness abounds.

A. ALERT TO THE VALUE OF STAGES ONE, TWO, AND THREE OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL:

1. An important reason for having the subject of homelessness appear under Stage Four of our committee's work is that when the FBCS Services, Code of Life Standards, and Criminal Justice recommendations are followed, it is reasonable to expect a decreasing population of homeless people. These standards will help motivate and empower those who are homeless to improve their circumstances, while preventing further homelessness by better supporting the remaining population through education and mentoring.

B. CHALLENGE BY THE FBCS: WHAT IS THE GOAL? WHERE IS UNITY?

1. To effectively begin our research and provide proposals aimed at solving the problem of homelessness, the first question that must be asked and answered is, "What is the community's goal in dealing with homelessness?" Until this question is answered by those who have the responsibility of regulating the cleanliness, health, and safety of the community, there can be no plausible solution. At this time, the FBCS will offer recommendations based on the notion that all facets of the community must benefit from the final remedy for homelessness.
2. While most everyone agrees that homelessness is an unacceptable condition, most everyone holds different opinions as to how best to remedy the problem. And such opinions often result in disunity amongst those looked to by community members to work together and get the job done. The good news that comes through unity is a merging of ideas that takes all opinions into account prior to making a final decision. A principle that has well supported the unity of the FBCS, which is recommended for our civic leaders to follow, is that "no one has the right answer, but everyone has the right input."

The FBCS challenges our civic leaders to get to the table and stay at the table, working out the solution to homelessness, absent of any party affiliation, or personal agenda.

C. FIRST RECOMMENDATION ON HOMELESSNESS: AN UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION

1. A great and very true slogan that represents our committee's second recommendation on homelessness is, "What you tolerate, you'll certainly have in a growing abundance!" This slogan suits all subjects, and, as it pertains to homelessness, if our community tolerates it, we will have an on-going and growing population of homeless people. Chronic states of homelessness can be caused by broken families and difficult home lives. Well-intended public subsidies and charitable provisions may also unintentionally prolong or perpetuate such circumstances. We also recognize that unproductive or underfunded programs, along with laws and regulations that are not adequately enforced, will only perpetuate the problem.⁴ It too should be noted that there is a reasonable number of homeless people created by unexpected job loss, inflation, economic downturn,

low income, rising housing costs, housing shortages, and insufficient retirement and SSI. City and community planners must sufficiently plan ahead to accommodate these predictable trends.

Is there a solution to homelessness that incorporates the necessary levels of compassion and helpful provision for homeless victims while maintaining a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all citizens and businesses to prosper? We believe the answer is "yes." Let us all agree that homelessness is an unacceptable condition.

2. A positive community motto for our city can and should be "Welcome to Spokane, a Safe and Clean Community where Everyone can Live in Dignity!" The way to deliver on this promise, which takes all facets of the community into account, follows.

D. SECOND RECOMMENDATION ON HOMELESSNESS: ACCOMMODATION

1. Law provides people the right to utilize public properties for accommodation if there are no other designated locations for utilization. It is the FBCS recommendation that a location away from populated neighborhoods and businesses be

utilized as a homeless shelter, where the basic needs of water, restrooms and beds would be provided. This first step provides an opening act of hospitality while protecting current residents and businesses from public nuisance violations that contribute to elevated crime rates, safety concerns, and cleanliness conditions.

2. Such a controlled location or locations would best meet the diversity of needed accommodation of the homeless, such as amount of goods carried, pets owned, etc.
3. Social services would be able to focus their attention and provisions on specified locations for more efficient operations.
4. Having a central location or locations of accommodation for the homeless would provide a more efficient process of assessment of each resident to determine if any special needs require rehabilitation.
5. Having the proper number of designated places with adequate accommodations that are safe for our homeless citizens empowers our community leaders to prohibit camping and sleeping in non-designated public spaces in a just and compassionate manner.
6. Currently, the cost for shelters is being realized, coupled with the burden and costs of cleaning up

⁴ Levine, Carole. (April 23, 2019). *Court Rules That If You're Homeless, Sleeping in Public Is Not a Crime*. June 24, 2023. <https://non-profitquarterly.org/court-rules-that-if-youre-homeless-sleeping-in-public-is-not-a-crime/>

the community where the homeless exist with little regulation. To better accommodate the homeless, additional costs may rise in the sponsorship of such shelters; but businesses would remain, and people would feel safe within the city.

E. THIRD RECOMMENDATION ON HOMELESSNESS: REHABILITATION

1. The FBCS believes that no one was born into this world with the promise of being homeless, nor do young people growing into adulthood hope to achieve this state of being. Instead, some unwelcome element or condition that existed in their life reinforced their entry into the homeless state of existence. Broken family conditions usually lie at the root of such elements or conditions. Two of the most prominent issues facing homeless people are mental health and drug dependency. This scenario should lead every community to first and foremost provide help for the homeless, within the capacity of restoring their health, building their self-esteem, establishing them as significant members of the community, and finding them a place to belong. Such actions best epitomize the meaning of restorative justice and effective rehabilitation.

2. While the previous point is foundational in working with the homeless, and the long-term priority in managing homelessness, the FBCS believes that there comes a required level of responsibility and accountability of the homeless who are in receipt of charitable goods and services. This often is referred to as a “hand-up” verses “hand-out.” As one of our nation’s leaders in personal financial management, Dave Ramsey, recently stated, “Money must come from work,”⁵ equating to people’s responsibility to do something in return for community provided support. This function provides support in developing one’s self esteem, an absolute necessity.
3. While law enforcement officers are usually the first to encounter the homeless, and their first step of homeless management would be to get the individual to a designated shelter, a closely related step would be learning if the homeless person indicates the need of any special assistance. Such assessments could be conducted by case workers who could frequent the shelter, and then coordinate efforts with local services that would work with the identified individuals. A level of mentoring is required by the case worker to monitor the progress of rehabilitation along with the advancement of the homeless to gain meaningful entry into the community through education and jobs.

F. FOURTH RECOMMENDATION ON HOMELESSNESS: ADEQUATE HOUSING

1. Soaring costs of living are making it increasingly difficult for people entering the workforce to earn enough to adequately meet their basic needs. At the same time, retirees and others living on fixed income have seen the buying power of their retirement funds and Social Security shrink at an alarming rate, leading some to become homeless. A responsible society should make certain that people within this situation do not become homeless due to widespread economic failures and inadequacies beyond their control. Being attentive to these risks through the provision of effective programs that provides a means of housing for such people is recommended.
2. For more than a century the world’s population has been rapidly moving into cities, including our own. This has led to a housing shortage and a resulting increase in housing costs. Such conditions prohibit many hardworking individuals and families from being able to afford adequate housing. The FBCS recommends that our community leaders develop and deliver a plan that makes affordable housing available that helps to meet the limited financial

⁵ Ramsey, David. (August 2023). CNN interview. *Money Must Come from Work*. Stated on live CNN news show by David Ramsey.

capability of retirees, the elderly, and low-income people.

- *See Appendix C – Resource*
- *See Appendix D – Success Story*

3. Through the course of development for adequate low-income permanent housing, it is recommended that temporary accommodations be provided, which includes basic services like portable toilets, water, waste disposal, and security.

G. CONCLUDING STATEMENTS ON HOMELESSNESS:

1. By enacting the accommodation and rehabilitation recommendations, the following list of accomplishments can occur:
 - a. Accommodation provides an act of compassion that improves the living conditions for the homeless. While the homeless may find additional facilities that will provide room and board, having the shelter(s) location no one is left on the street.

- b. City visitors, residents, and businesses can experience a clean and safe community in which to enjoy and conduct commerce.
 - c. Compassion through the provision of goods and rehabilitation services leads to good health, education, employment, homes, and becoming significant members of the community.
 - d. The services and accommodation available to the homeless will be conducted according to the law and with respect for their individual freedom and rights.

2. This FBCS proposal for managing the homeless provides the proper balance of love and justice to all parties affected by homelessness. But an absolute that should never be overlooked is the fulfillment of accountabilities that the homeless must honor in doing their part within their rehabilitation. Anything short of this results in people taking more and doing less.



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Category 5: Future Resources from the FBCS

The development of these proposals is how to curb and better manage the subjects of crime and homelessness within the community. The FBCS closes their work by outlining services that the faith-based community would be willing to provide in the future in support of those regulatory agencies and departments who, through their assigned responsibilities, help provide a safe and clean city.

SERVICE AREA: AFFORDABLE PROPERTY AND HOUSING

Members within our FBCS have devoted a great deal of time and effort in developing a concept of affordable housing for our community, both in securing properties as well as developing various models of affordable housing and shelters fitting the varied needs of people who struggle in securing temporary and/or permanent housing. These members have incorporated under the name, ChangePoint Northwest Center for Housing, and their contact information can be found in Appendix C within this publication.

SERVICE AREA: CONSULTATION

The FBCS makes itself available to consult with any interested party seeking advisements on recommended methods of implementing any part or the entirety of this committee's formal proposal. In addition, there may arise new subject areas requiring research and/or development that civic leaders would desire input from the faith-based community that the FBCS could orchestrate.

To initiate efforts within this service area,
contact FBCS Facilitator, Carl Tompkins.

Cell: 509-994-6478

Email: carl@thewayofbusiness.org



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SERVICE AREA: WORSHIP CENTERS' SUPPORT

As people successfully complete their required forms of rehabilitation, it is vital that they are connected into the community in a manner that creates a sense of belonging, self-esteem, and security. The FBCS believes that the best resource to provide this service is through any one of the many worship centers within the community.

Our committee will create communications to all interested worship centers inviting them to participate with all applicable agencies and governmental departments in this endeavor, where such agencies and governmental departments would advise them that their worship center has been selected by the candidate and how to contact them to begin the process of fellowship. This list of participating worship centers will be made known and updated regularly to those organizations involved with rehabilitation.

Participating worship centers would require the assurance that candidates for this support program would be safe to associate with any staff or volunteers.





Concluding Remarks

It has been a unique experience for the faith-based community to be called together for the purpose of developing and providing solutions to help solve two of the most important subjects that face our community, which are crime and homelessness.

In wrapping up our work within this mission, we conclude with a very important statement that should be taken to heart as our community continues their work on making Spokane a clean and safe city. The FBCS unitedly recognizes and honors the fact that we are all spiritual beings and that our spirituality lies at the core of our meaningful existence: controlling our minds, bodies, and resulting actions. We urge everyone to find their spiritual purpose, which by common theme, directs our attention and efforts toward a loving and respectful approach in serving our communities, states, and nation.

To further validate this ideal, we share, from a worldly and historical perspective, proof of this essential recommendation:

Lord Alexander Fraser Tytler, a Scottish lawyer, historian, professor, and writer, was born in 1747 and devoted much of his life toward the study of the life cycle of a democracy. Having studied the rise and fall of the greatest civilized democracies throughout the world, he found that the average age span of democracies was 200 years. The details of his studies concluded that democracies move through ten stages during their life cycle in the following order:

1. Bondage
2. Spiritual Faith
3. Courage
4. Liberty
5. Affluence
6. Selfishness
7. Complacency
8. Apathy
9. Dependence
10. Back to Bondage



Historians have come to identify this listing as “The Tytler Cycle.”

The United States is now in our 247th year of having a democratic form of government, which is driven through our process of being a republic. While it’s rewarding to learn that our form of government has outlived the life span of previous democracies, what everyone should find alarming is that we now reside in the ninth and final stage of a democracy before falling back into bondage and that stage is dependence. Lord Tytler defined dependence as the point in time when “the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury.” Note that a synonym of “largess” is “gift.” Much of government’s platform is based upon the promise of providing financially based security for the people, which we realize today. Lord Tytler’s complete quote is, “*A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that, the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits with the result the democracy collapses because of the loose fiscal policy ensuing, always to be followed by a dictatorship, then a monarchy.*”⁶

Please take note that it is a nation’s “spiritual faith” that brings its people out of bondage, and spiritual faith is also the stage that can prevent the nation from falling into future bondage. Here lies the validation of the critical nature of our spiritual faith. Spiritual faith comes through a wide and varied number of means, but all such means reflect the commonality of a higher calling. We must humble ourselves to seek out our higher calling and follow it well.

⁶ Lambert, J. (March 8, 2021). *The Tytler Cycle Suggests a Democracy Only Lasts 200 Years*. July 14, 2023. <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=93456649>.

Appendices

APPENDIX A

The Capital III Story

Pete Ochs, the founder of the Capital III Corporation, is an entrepreneur with manufacturing, real estate, energy, and education companies in the US and Latin America. In 2009, Capital III bought a bankrupt manufacturing business located in a small rural community. Their biggest dilemma was how to hire enough workers in a small town with a very small labor force. To compound the problem, they needed employees that would work a completely flexible schedule – from 20 to 40 hours per week – depending entirely on the volume of business.

Pete and his leadership team prayed and sought the Lord's direction that resulted in them trying to do something completely outside the box. They approached the local state-operated correctional facility about utilizing the prison populations as the labor force. Inmates were earning only about 70 cents per hour, and Capital III could start paying them a salary of about \$10 an hour. Approximately thirty percent of the wage would be used to reimburse the state for their room and board. The rest they could spend, save, or send to help support their families. The three bottom lines of capital were realized through this accomplishment (Thus the name "Capital III Corporation").

Economic: Because of the work force flexibility, the company was able to control and reduce its labor costs. Inmates earned up to \$100 per day, compared to the \$7 when working for the state.

Social: Taxpayers experienced reduced costs in areas of room and board. Prisoners became motivated to provide good behavior, which earned them the privilege to work for Capital III. The prisoners learned marketable skills that would support their abilities to gain meaningful work once released from prison. Interesting enough, the involved prisoners sent the majority of what they receive in salary to help support their families.

Spiritual: Prisoners were valued and loved! Capital III orchestrated life skill classes within the prison, along with Bible studies. Once per month special meal events take place for the workers and their families, demonstrating the wonderful nature of unity and building of people's character. The result was that a seminary was started inside the prison.

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APPENDIX B

Friend gets Suspended Sentence for Friends Death

Article Excerpt: A former Carroll College student who was driving an automobile that crashed and killed a fellow student in 2021 was

originally charged with felony vehicular homicide while under the influence, along with four additional misdemeanor offenses. The charges held a maximum of 30 years imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine, according to state code. The victim killed in the accident was Bridget Kirby. At the sentencing hearing of Hunter Nicely, the Kirby family stood and stated to the court that they didn't want this sentence to be enforced but, instead, that Nicely would be required to give two talks per year for the first five years of his sentence about the dangers of drinking and driving, and if he could not find a talk to give, he would do ten hours of community service in its place. In addition, the Kirby's requested that condition 22 of the plea agreement, which states that Nicely cannot have any contact with the victim's family, be revoked. In closing, Judge Kathy Seeley stated, *"I don't want anyone to lose their focus on Bridget Kirby. Her family is devastated, but they seem to me to be incredibly understanding and graceful people. I also want Hunter to know that they seem to see the potential in you to be a real contribution to society, and I believe they're very sincere in that; they don't want to see your life destroyed."*

Drake, Phil and Michelotti, Megan. (March 20, 2023). "Former Carroll Student get Suspended Sentence for Friend's Death in 2021 Crash." *Helena Independent Record*.

APPENDIX C

ChangePoint Northwest Center for Housing

ChangePoint Northwest Center for Housing is an organization that specializes in the securing of properties and construction of low-income housing. They have researched and developed a process that allows them to serve as intermediaries who supply shelters and form communities for people in need of affordable housing. Douglas Engle serves as president and their address is 4126 N. McDonald Rd, Ste A104, Spokane Valley, WA, 99216. Mr. Engle's cell is 509-319-0471 and his email is dengle76@comcast.net. Ian Robertson, member of the FBCS and originator of this program, has vested years of effort with community leaders and organizations to deliver this program.

APPENDIX D

How Houston's Homelessness Breakthrough Could be a National Game-Changer

Since 2012 more than 28,000 homeless people have been housed, mostly in apartments, which has reduced Houston's overall homelessness by 60%. The following aspects of their program is what has led to their success:

- The community worked together as a collaborative team.
- There was a standardized set of goals, processes, and strategies,

rather than individual organizations and governmental entities each trying to chip away at the problem; there are now over 100 entities working together.

- A centralized database was established to capture information and track the service needs of people experiencing homelessness. Also utilized was a standard assessment to determine which housing and/or service interventions would best suit each household.
- Embraced were the data-proven best practices of Housing First, getting the homeless into permanent housing first, then using wraparound support services, e.g., mental health, substance abuse, counseling, healthcare, job training, education, etc. Such an approach helped to keep the person housed, and housing makes the service effective.
- Housing the most vulnerable first, which indicated that most people stabilize in housing when coupled with appropriate services.
- The Housing Response System has three components:
 - Provided is a key, a lease in the person's name, and everything needed to stay in the unit for the long-term.
 - Provided is a subsidy for the rent. Residents may pay up to 30% of their income to cover the monthly lease cost.
 - Ensure support services to help the person move forward psychologically, emotionally, and financially.

Much of the success and financial capability of this program comes through the collaboration approach – bringing together the city, county, public housing authorities, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and over 100 non-profits. This approach has proven to be the most fiscally responsible means of helping to resolve homelessness. The average cost per person is \$18,000 per year when compared to the multiple costs of putting people in jail, leaving them on the streets, or making use of emergency services and rooms (\$30,000-\$50,000 per person per year). The latest evaluation indicates that 90% of people housed did not fall back into homelessness for at least two years.

Authors, Marc Eichenbaum and Michael Nichols. (June 9, 2023). *How Houston's Homelessness Breakthrough Could be a National Game-Changer*. August 6, 2023. <https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/08/opinions/homelessness-solutions-houston-model-eichenbaum-nichols/index.html>



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