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Building Homes, Weaving Hope: Innovative Responses to Housing Justice by Compassionate Congregations

Date: October 11, 2023, 2 pm – 3:30 pm EST (Note: Extended time)

Objectives :

- Explore Diverse Approaches: Discover creative and impactful approaches that other churches have adopted to address the pressing need for affordable housing in their communities.
- Understand the Housing Landscape: Refugee Housing Solutions will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the current housing crisis and its profound impact on vulnerable populations.
- Empower Collaborative Action: Attendees will gain practical insights and strategies that enable them to initiate community-driven responses to housing challenges, fostering partnerships and collaboration within their congregations.

New Beginnings: Understanding Resettlement in the United States

Date: November 8, 2023, 2 pm – 3 pm

Objectives :

- Exploring Pathways to Safety: Gain an in-depth understanding of the diverse pathways through which newcomers arrive in the United States, including refugee resettlement, asylum, and other avenues.
- Unraveling the Arrival Process: Delve into the intricate processes involved in newcomers' arrival to the United States, shedding light on the challenges they face and the support they require.
- Empowering Informed Support: Attendees will leave with knowledge and insights about the journey newcomers take, enabling them to provide informed and compassionate support, advocacy, and community integration.

Cultivating Communities: Fostering Belonging for Newcomers

Date: Dec 13, 2023, from 2 pm -3 pm EST

Objectives:

- Building Belonging: Understand the significance of creating inclusive communities as a cornerstone for successful integration and belonging for newcomers.
- Fostering Welcome: Equip faith leaders with the tools needed to create welcoming communities, facilitate meaningful connections, and promote a sense of shared purpose in their congregation toward welcoming newcomers.
- Empower Action: Attendees will understand the process and benefits of community sponsorship programs, including the transformative role they play in building connections, fostering empathy, and creating a supportive environment for newcomers. Gain insights into how Church World Service facilitates community sponsorship initiatives and how faith leaders can inspire their congregations to actively participate and positively impact the lives of those seeking refuge.

Guiding Hope: Nurturing Unaccompanied Children Through Compassionate Care

Date: January 10, 2024, 2 pm – 3 pm EST

Objectives:

- Understanding Vulnerability: Recognize the distinctive needs and vulnerabilities of unaccompanied children seeking safety and refuge, emphasizing the importance of compassionate care.
- Prioritizing Well-being: Learn about Church World Service's comprehensive programs that prioritize the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of displaced youth.
- Empowering Protective Initiatives: Attendees will leave with tools to initiate responsive initiatives that provide vital protection, unwavering support, and a sense of genuine belonging for unaccompanied children, promoting their dignity and hopeful futures.

Bridging Equity and Ecology: Championing Climate Justice in the Church

Date: February 14, 2024, 2 pm – 3 pm

Objectives:

- The Intersection of Justice and Environment: Discover the powerful intersection where environmental justice, equity, and advocacy converge, shaping the path toward climate justice.
- Promoting Resilience and Equity: Explore Church World Service's strategic efforts in promoting climate resilience and justice, ensuring a sustainable future for all.
- Inspiring Congregational Engagement: Faith leaders will leave with insightful tools and perspectives to effectively engage their congregations in environmental stewardship, fostering a collective commitment to policy, advocacy, and lasting change.

Cultivating Care: CWS's Protection for the Vulnerable and How Faith Communities Partner in Protection

Date: March 13, 2024, 2 pm – 3 pm

Objectives:

- Comprehensive Protection Strategies: Explore the multifaceted approaches Church World Service (CWS) employs to provide holistic protection for vulnerable populations, embracing their diverse needs with compassion and expertise.
- Churches as Agents of Sanctuary: Learn how faith communities can actively contribute to extending protection and support to the vulnerable, fostering environments of safety, dignity, and care.
- Empowering Faithful Support: Attendees will leave with practical insights and actionable strategies to mobilize their congregations in advocating for protection, fostering resilience, and nurturing inclusive communities that prioritize the well-being of the most vulnerable members of society.

Rising Together: Empowering Women Globally

Date: April 10, 2024, 2 pm – 3 pm

Objectives:

- Empowering Women's Voices: Understand Church World Service's initiatives in empowering women worldwide, highlighting success stories and strategies that uplift women's leadership, rights, and agency.
- Translating Faith into Action: Explore how the church can play a transformative role in empowering women within their congregations and communities, fostering gender equality and social change.
- Equipping Leaders for Change: Attendees will leave with practical tools, insights, and approaches to support and empower women, enabling them to take an active role in shaping their communities and contributing to the global movement for gender justice.

Community Organizing: Lifting up Stories of Immigrants and Refugees

Date May 8th, 2024, 2 pm-3 pm

Objectives

- Lifting Up Refugee Voices: Learn how a congregation can lift up the diverse experiences and stories of refugees and immigrants as a part of driving systemic change in your community.
- Inclusive Congregations: Learn new ways to create inclusive congregations where refugees and immigrants feel welcomed, and collaboration can flourish.
- Trauma Informed Solidarity: Discover new tools about working with impacted leaders, how to help access mental health support when needed, and how to thoughtfully invite people to tell their stories when they feel prepared and ready.
- Leadership Development for Social Change: Gain further understanding of how public narrative training is an important leadership development tool that is critical for creating the social change we want to see.

Harvesting Hope, Sowing Change: Empowering Communities Against Hunger and Poverty

Date: June 12, 2024, 2 pm – 3 pm

Objectives:

- Understanding Scarcity's Toll: Grasp the profound impact of hunger and poverty on vulnerable populations, illuminating the urgency of transformative action.
- Nurturing Holistic Change: Explore Church World Service's comprehensive approach to addressing food insecurity and poverty, encompassing education, empowerment, and sustainable solutions.
- Seeds of Empowerment: Attendees will learn how their congregation can partner with Church World Service through the CROP Hunger Walk to provide solutions for hunger and poverty alleviation in their community, becoming active agents of change and compassion.

Igniting Change: Equipping Congregations for Solidarity and Action

Date: July 10, 2024, from 2-3 pm EST

Objectives:

- Prophetic Witness: Understand the prophetic role of faith communities and the importance of supporting impacted leaders to drive an effective campaign strategy towards more inclusive policies and public narratives.
- Advocate for Policy Change: Explore Church World Service's dynamic advocacy efforts and the ways in which congregations can work to promote systemic change at the national, state, and local levels of government.
- Take Action: Attendees will leave with knowledge and new tools to guide their communities to build relationships of solidarity with impacted leaders and work together to change policy and influence the public narrative.

Building a Bridge of Equity: Antiracism in Refugee Resettlement and the Church's Inclusive Leadership

Date: August 14, 2024, from 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Objectives:

- Understanding Antiracism: Grasp the concept of antiracism and its crucial role in creating a just and equitable society, especially within the context of refugee resettlement.

- Recognizing Systemic Injustices: Explore the impact of systemic racism on refugees and newcomers, addressing the barriers they face and the church's potential to be an advocate for change.
- Empowering Inclusive Leadership: Learn how CWS is promoting Equity and how the church can actively engage in antiracist practices, fostering an environment that embraces diversity, dismantles prejudices, and drives community transformation.

Cultivating Change: Community Transformation CWS and the Church

Date: September 11, 2024 from 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Objectives:

- Understanding Community Transformation: Explore the concept of community transformation and its potential to create lasting positive change in the lives of vulnerable populations.
- CWS's Impact: Discover the multifaceted approaches employed by Church World Service (CWS) in partnering with communities to drive transformation, including case studies that highlight the organization's successful initiatives.
- Churches as Catalysts for Change: Learn how faith communities can collaborate with CWS to catalyze community transformation, utilizing their resources, networks, and collective strength to bring about impactful change in areas such as education, health, livelihoods, and more.
- Empowering Collaborative Action: Equip attendees with practical strategies to engage their congregations in community transformation efforts, fostering partnerships, sharing resources, and collectively working towards creating stronger, resilient, and thriving communities.

Bridges of Hope: Navigating Asylum at the US Border

Date: October 9, 2024, 2 pm – 3:00 pm EST

Objectives:

- Understanding Asylum Seekers' Journeys: Gain insight into the challenges and vulnerabilities faced by asylum seekers at the US border, comprehending the reasons driving their search for safety.
- Navigating the Asylum Process: Explore the complex legal and humanitarian aspects of the US asylum system, unraveling the steps involved in seeking asylum and the impact on individuals and families.
- Promoting Compassionate Engagement: Attendees will leave with knowledge and tools to foster empathetic and informed responses to asylum seekers at the US border, advocating for fair and just treatment while respecting their rights and dignity.

From Crisis to Community: Navigating Resilience and Compassion

Date: November 13, 2024

Objectives:

- Preparedness for Resilience: Recognize the paramount importance of disaster response preparedness within communities, fostering resilience in the face of crises.
- Collaborative Compassion: Learn about Church World Service's collaborative disaster relief efforts and partnerships, witnessing the transformative power of community-based assistance.
- Empowering Compassionate Action: Attendees will leave empowered to guide their communities in proactive disaster planning, ensuring readiness, and responding with compassion during times of crisis.

Embracing Diversity and Inclusion: Welcoming LGBTQAI+ Newcomers with Compassionate Hearts

Date: December 11, 2024

Objectives:

- Understanding Inclusivity: Grasp the importance of creating a welcoming and affirming space for LGBTQAI+ newcomers within faith communities.
- Navigating Cultural Sensitivity: Learn how to foster an environment that respects diverse identities and experiences, ensuring everyone feels valued and accepted.
- Empowering Church Engagement: Discover ways in which the church can actively engage in providing support and safe spaces, resources, and a sense of belonging for LGBTQAI+ newcomers, fostering a community of love, acceptance, and unity.