

## Meeting Takeaways

Interfaith Exploratory Meeting, November 7

### Common Faith Commitments

*Caring for others*

*Make the  
community a  
better place*

*Belief in housing as  
fundamental to a  
better life*

*Working with  
others of different  
faith/background*

*Spread Peace*

...from the values and beliefs of your faiths that you shared with us

*Honesty*

*faith-inspired faith-based care  
for others at grassroots level*

*generosity* *Peace*

*to lend a hand to others  
even when inconvenient*

*we are all to love  
one another – which  
includes sharing gifts*

*when volunteers and  
homeowners work together on  
homes, walls come down and  
our worlds becomes smaller*

*previous Habitat build  
experience*

*Compassion*

*Unity* *God is love*  
*to offer a hand up rather  
than just a hand out*

*I care about people* *humble*

*I love community*

*to share and demonstrate  
the Gospel to others*

*housing is a human right in giving, we receive*

*care for those in need*

*mutual aid*

*peacemaking and non  
violence*

*I believe we can make a  
real difference*

*The Golden Rule*

*Eph 3:20*

*community building*

*call to a ministry of  
reconciliation from the  
one who reconciled us*

*contribute to those  
less fortunate*

*value of housing  
for well-being*

*creating  
opportunities*

*strengthening relationships  
with brothers and sisters  
from various faiths*

*helping those in need!*

*giving without  
expecting a reward*

*I love Habitat*

*raising awareness about  
housing needs in IC*

*desire all people have  
affordable housing as  
a basic right*

*to treat others with kindness  
and respect no matter their  
beliefs, backaround, etc.*

*mentoring the next generation  
to continue in the faith*

*compassion for neighbors*

*helping each other is part  
of our reason in this life*

*use my talents and abilities  
for others*

*passion for affordable  
housing*

*love interfaith  
ecumenicity*

## Outcomes

At least **25 people** attended representing more than **15 faith groups!**

This is a fantastic start and we will continuously challenge one another to get more individuals and groups involved.

We made it onto the [news!](#)

## Recap: Why Housing Matters

Remember Sara Barron's *3-legged stool* analogy. For a person/group's housing to be stable, it must be:

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Appropriate
- ✓ Affordable

We know housing is a basic need and should be a human right. This is because whether our housing situation is stable, or not, impacts many areas of our lives and communities including:

- ✓ Health
- ✓ Educational outcomes
- ✓ Social wellness
- ✓ Economy

**Reminder: Help us schedule the next Interfaith Committee meeting.** Please fill out the poll that has been emailed to you from [gabe@iowavalleyhabitat.org](mailto:gabe@iowavalleyhabitat.org). If you have questions or haven't received the link, please contact Gabe!

## Until next time

Thank you all for showing your support, sharing with us a little about your faith, and expressing your passion and desire to work together. We focus on affordable housing because housing is so fundamental to the health and success of individuals, families, and communities. I, personally – and we all at Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, including those we partner with – look forward to having you with us. Our communities will benefit from your involvement.

In peace,

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