

## Round Table Meeting Summary February 23, 2025

### Examining FCCB Christ-inspired Action

**Questions Considered Today:**

1. What are we doing now?
2. What are your dreams, ideas, or suggestions?
3. Who or how can we create intersection and effective communication?

<b><i>“Recognize that we are at a time of “creative chaos.”</i></b>		
	<b>Need</b>	<b>Suggested Actions</b>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater congregational understanding of budget expenditures (OCWM, salaries, building costs, salaries, insurance, suggested giving)</li> <li>• Greater congregational understanding of local mission funding</li> <li>• Knowing Mission/Justice funding focus is determined, Allocated and how a group can request funding</li>   <li>• Support skill development in the congregation on holding “difficult conversations” within our congregation and across congregations (gun violence, immigration, conflict resolution)</li>   <li>• Share critical information on difficult or political topics as they touch our Christ-inspired action or becoming a nurturing congregation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use before worship slides, the website, and church publications to “spotlight.” funding and action for mission/justice action and events</li> <li>• Tell stories sharing outcomes and successes throughout the year.</li> <li>• Bring back once-a-month moment for mission during worship.</li> <li>• Evaluate ways to use technology differently to share information.</li>   <li>• Workshops or training in holding difficult conversations around challenging (Braver Angels, conflict resolution training)</li> <li>• Establish a deeper relationship with other groups or faith groups doing justice work such as the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center as an example.</li>   <li>• See communication section.</li> </ul>
<b>Invitations and Relationships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations to those in the larger community</li> <li>• Fresh Start – how to expand.</li> <li>• Dental Van -additional funding</li> <li>• Recruiting dentists and dental assistants</li>   <li>• Pet Vaccinations – Additional funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going out rather than meeting at FCCB</li>   <li>• Joining with other faith groups in Interfaith Coalition</li> <li>• Put a box in the narthex for donations.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing personal invitations to guests and new members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission/Justice continue to partner with Membership realizing that some people will jump in immediately and others will need support.</li> <li>Continue Gathering Sunday Ministry Fair</li> <li>Consider doing smaller Ministry Fairs throughout the year after worship.</li> </ul>
<b>Connection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing our ability to over-lap or coordinate efforts to help others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing box in narthex for BFDF, Fresh Start</li> <li>Collection donations at Simple Supper for BFDF</li> <li>Provide containers for leftover soup to Garden View Tiny Homes and for guests to take home.</li> <li>Donate produce grown in FCCB Children’s Garden</li> <li>Plant a fruit-bearing tree in Children’s Garden and donate fruit.</li> <li>Publish list of needs more frequently</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create clear “entry points” for members especially new members to get information.</li> <li>Access to shared resources on current issues related to our faith and Christ-inspired Action.</li> <li>“Quick” communication tools that can call a group together for a response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue quarterly meetings on mission/justice issues</li> <li>Expand website and “open up tight” spaces in communication chain.</li> <li>Investigate greater capacity of Breeze to meet communication needs.</li> <li>Resource “library” of online information materials such as those from denomination or PNW conference</li> <li>Research and establish communication tools that can call a group together with a rapid response – Examples: APP 5 Calls, Signal</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endowments – give to a group endowment for memorials. Make this a group effort to go into the general fund.</li> </ul>