



PIMA COUNTY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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Dialogue as Action: A Proposal for Community Engagement on Economic Issues

Economic development and its human impacts are of concern to all Metropolitan Tucson residents. Many individuals and families in the region experience acute economic pressures resulting from lack of economic opportunity.

PCIC leaders and allies propose to initiate a broad based dialogue in churches, social service agencies, synagogues, schools, neighborhoods and businesses with a focus on economic pressures and issues. The purpose of this dialogue is to build a consensus agenda for constructive change.

We propose to:

- Form an alliance of community based institutions to conduct this campaign;
- Establish a leadership team to focus the dialogue and establish goals, timelines, and benchmarks;
- Continue research on current and future programs and plans that address economic inequality and opportunity;
- Develop training curricula for individuals and institutions that teach relationship building skills such as individual meetings, door to door canvassing, house/small group meetings and public forums;
- Convene a region-wide assembly in late fall to ratify the consensus agenda