

WE ENVISION:

A future where all Virginians experience economic, racial, and social justice.

THIS WILL TAKE:

People of faith and goodwill being informed, equipped, and mobilized to pursue just legislative policies.

WE'LL KNOW WE'RE SUCCESSFUL WHEN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT IN VIRGINIA:

ECONOMIC EQUITY

Living wages, equitable access to quality jobs, affordable housing, working family supports, and financial security for all communities. 2

RACIAL JUSTICE

Dismantled systems of

racial discrimination,

equitable access to

resources and

opportunities, and policies

that repair historical harm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Inclusive decisionmaking, equal protection under the law, and equitable access to healthcare, education, and public services. CIVIC POWER

Communities, especially those historically marginalized, actively shaping policies and holding leaders accountable.

FAITH & VALUES ALIGNMENT

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Widespread recognition that justice, dignity, and equity are moral and spiritual imperatives guiding public life in Virginia.

WE ACHIEVE THESE CONDITIONS THROUGH THESE STRATEGIES:

EDUCATION

Provide knowledge, skills, and faith-based frameworks needed to understand and engage in policy advocacy

Increase the number of spaces/opportunities to learn about the intersection of faith, justice, and policy

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Build the community's capacity to effectively advocate and lead legislative change

Faith leaders and young people stand at the forefront of policy change and lead justice-informed policy advocacy

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Prepare communities for legislative mobilization

Increase in voter turnout as a result of reduced barriers to voting and education/awareness

MOBILIZATION OF COMMUNITIES

Get communities to take action

Increase in individual and congregational participation in legislative process Developing and/or championing just

LEGISLATIVE

ADVOCACY

championing just policies in VA's legislature

Increased understanding of the legislative process and increased opportunities to get hands-on experience

WE WORK ON THESE ACTIVITIES WITH AND FOR:

People of faith and goodwill who invite our support and who have a willingness to actively pursue justice for all people.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE:

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Faith teachings call for justice for all people.

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Civic engagement is the first step to ensuring the framework for justice across Virginia.

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Individual wellbeing is inextricably linked to community wellbeing. 4

Faith and the commitment to the collective good has the power to destroy harmful policies, eradicate racism, and connect faith communities to their moral responsibility to advance equity and justice.

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