Congregational Asset-Mapping Inventory Checklist

Wondering what an easy and effective action step might be for your congregation in the current environment of fear and hostility?

We'd like to suggest you take a moment to identify all the assets – human, physical, and financial – that your congregation might offer to grassroots groups organizing at this moment. This basic step brings several benefits. It will enable you to:

- More quickly respond to requests from other religious and non-profit groups when immediate action is needed;
- Be pro-active in enabling essential organizing to occur by providing, for example, much-needed meeting space; and
- Build the long-run strength of local non-profits led by people who are especially at risk, groups which may have fewer access to resources.

Your congregation or fellowship may already have some of this information collected. Check with your Administrator, Membership or Volunteer Coordinator, Social Justice lead, etc.

Depending on where your congregation is located, WE RECOMMEND that you encourage other houses of worship at least in in your neighborhood if not town/city, to also conduct their own inventory. You might suggest this at a meeting of a local ecumenical or interfaith group. The point is to share the information with each other, and with key local partner groups. This helps build a rapid response web, and saves a tremendous amount of time trying to identify help when help is needed.

The template on the next page can be used for individual congregations and for a consolidated list of resources from collaborating houses of worship. Feel free to add more rows with more skills and assets, as needed.

Skills, resources, and physical spaces which can be made available to non-profit groups:

Type of Asset	Congregation(s) where this is available	Notes and contact details
CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES		
Free meeting space		
Sound equipment		
Copy machines		
Computer/wifi access		
Car/van/truck		
Child care space		
Fiscal sponsorship (501(c)3 status)		
Social justice grants/ funding capacity		
PERSONAL SKILLS & SERVICES OF VOLUNTEERS		
Child care providers (volunteers)		
Translators/interpreters (specify languages)		
Medical personnel (nurses, medics, doctors, NPs, etc.)		
Lawyers/legal aids		
Peacekeepers (trained is best)		
People trained in civil disobedience		
People who can give civil disobedience training		

Type of Asset	Congregation(s) where this is available	Notes and contact details	
Artists (particularly visual),			
to make banners, signs,			
puppets, etc.			
Guerilla theater volunteers			
Musicians			
Web design & database			
volunteers			
Social media volunteer			
Writer/videographer/PR/			
media outreach			
Fundraisers/willing to			
donate \$			
Willing to establish and/or			
manage a bail bond fund			
Pastoral care/support for activists			
Pastoral care/support for			
high-risk community			
members			
Organizers/canvassers			
CONGREGANTS' RESOURCES			
Home hospitality for out of			
town guest (e.g. guest			
speaker, trainer, etc.)			
Car/van/truck & driver			