



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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FEEDBACK FROM MPBC CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION JANUARY 11, 2026

Below you will find the feedback from the congregational conversation regarding MPBC's Connections in our community. If there is an "X" after a listing, that indicates that it was mentioned more than once in the table conversation. Our Ministry of Outreach and Justice (MOJO) has received this feedback and will take it into consideration moving forward. Thank you for your participation.

Your MPBC Transition Team

Connections Congregational Conversation Environmental Justice

What should be our top 3 topics of focus in this justice area or community partnership?

- How to influence legislators/power brokers on the importance of acting now to address
- Education about climate change - XX
- Community gardens
- The church needs to become more environmentally conscious in all of our actions.
- Focus on community issues (from protecting biodiversity and reducing food deserts)
- Water

Connections Congregational Conversation Educational Justice

What should be our top 3 topics of focus in this justice area or community partnership?

- Raise awareness of inequality of education workers
- Food insecurity
- Literacy – gap between English vs Spanish speaking
- Build programs for parents - X
- Address need for critical thinking that would allow for assessment of needs – *with not for*
- Handicaps – mental and physical illnesses
- Attracting young families and focusing on all justice activities

- Hosting more groups to use our space
- Continue what we are doing – X
- Communicating MOJO information more broadly and helping community easily find information on our website
- Have more advocacy programs that enable us to educate ourselves and the community better

Connections Congregational Conversation Economic Justice

What should be our top 3 topics of focus in this justice area or community partnership?

- Housing/homelessness - X
- Food insecurity - X
- Advocacy – training on how we advocate for change
- Remain fiscally conservative and ensure that we can help with time/talent, the groups we serve.
- Act – feed/clothe/house
- Grow strategy for awareness and advocacy
- Social safety net and healthcare

Connections Congregational Conversation Other Community Partners

What should be our top 3 topics of focus in this justice area or community partnership?

- Investigate historical partnerships and figure out if we should or can reconnect.
- Immigrant issues - education about greater implications (e.g. farm workers and impact on the economy) - X
- Senior support (i.e. care as the elderly population grows)
- Support troubled youth at risk – suicide, drugs etc.
- Time Out Youth – reestablish relationship and invite to service
- RAIN Walk – encourage quarterly opportunity onsite
- We need to promote and support the business of our current tenants (Hispanic baker, Indian dance school, Russian school)
- LGBTQ
- Accessibility (physical, social, economic)

If you would like a copy of the full document, please contact the church office.