

Public Meeting Schedule

September 21

Ezekiel - Saginaw

September 28

MOSES - Detroit

October 5

JOB-CA - San Diego

October 11

ESTHER - Appleton

October 12

JONAH-MI - Battle Creek

TAP - South Bend

CAUSE - Ventura

ISAIAH - St. Paul-Mpls. Metro

October 14

ARISE - Albany

ISAIAH - St. Cloud

October 16

E.H.R. - Norfolk

JOSHUA - Green Bay

VOICE - Buffalo

October 18

BRIDGE - Baltimore (Summit)

October 19

UACT - Connecticut

Gamaliel Chicago Metro

MCU - Metro St. Louis

MORE2 - Kansas City

NOAH - Niagara

October 20

JONAH-WI - Eau Claire

October 23

ISAAC - Kalamazoo

MICAH - Milwaukee

PINN - Pittsburgh

ABLE - Atlanta

October 25

FACE - Honolulu

October 26

Genesis - Oakland

ACTS - Syracuse

AMOS - WI - Lacrosse

October 27

SOPHIA - Waukesha

October 28

RIC - Racine

October 30

CUSH - Kenosha

JOB - WI - Beloit

UCM - East St. Louis

PRISCM - Capital Region

November 4

ELECTION DAY

November 13

LION - Babylon

November 18

LION - Riverhead

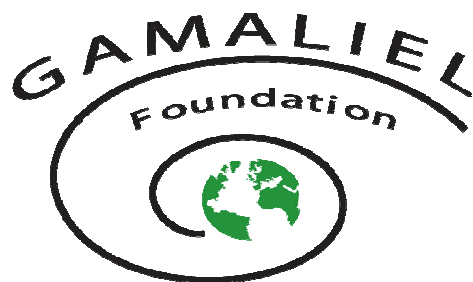
December 3

International Leadership
Assembly - Washington, D.C.

December 4

Democracy Day

*"Realizing the Promise:
A Forum on Community,
Faith and Democracy."*



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FAITH AND DEMOCRACY

A SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION...

... challenging one million congregational members to delve deeply into their faith. This conversation clarifies our inter-connectedness and our divisions. It is a call to say "no" to all attempts to divide us.

People connected to their spiritual roots live their faith powerfully in the world.

A PRACTICE OF HOPE...

...involving members of congregations in local issues and civic participation.

New energy comes when congregations practice hope together powerfully.

A CHANGE IN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES FROM...

- rampant individualism to community action
- isolation toward the common good
- competitive scarcity to shared abundance
- politics of fear to policies of hope.

These are the elements at the heart of the Gamaliel Faith and Democracy Campaign.

FAITH & DEMOCRACY



The Gamaliel affiliates participating in this campaign are connecting their fall public meetings with a traveling Gamaliel Faith and Democracy banner.

The common banner signals that together Gamaliel Foundation affiliates are a multi-racial, interfaith, non-partisan force acting to assure that all people can participate in the American Dream.

It is more than rallying under the same banner.

We share a vision for our country based on radical hope, inclusive community, and shared abundance.

We seek nothing less than the transformation of the soul of our country and our democracy. This is both a spiritual and a political project.

To shape a future that works for all requires people willing to project a new way of living and acting in community. **Participation in the democratic process is the path for each person to realize their own dignity, worth, and power. This is how people find the voice God intends for them in the sacred community.**

Connect our Issues

Every local public meeting will hear reports on the issues that grow from their grassroots listening campaigns. They will hear commitments from community leaders and elected officials to work in ways that affirm common community values.

A number of state, regional and national issues have emerged from the grassroots listening campaigns of local affiliates to become Gamaliel National Platform issues:

Immigration, Healthcare, Jobs, Housing, and Transportation.

These issues affect neighborhoods our trained leaders organize every day. This requires action in local, state, regional, and national arenas.

Connect our Congressional Relationships

All over the country Gamaliel Affiliate Leaders are meeting with their US House Representatives and Senators to discuss the values that are the foundation of the promise of the American Dream for all.

In public meeting after public meeting congressional representatives are committing to work with Gamaliel local affiliates on the platform issues.

Connect our Voters

Because participation in the political process is so important to assuring that the American Dream is within the grasp of all, some Gamaliel Congregation Core Teams are organizing Faith and Democracy 100% Voter Campaigns.

Other voter participation campaigns, like Gamaliel Votes, are underway in many of our affiliates. **Tens of thousands new voters go to the polls each election as a result of Gamaliel Votes and other local affiliate campaigns.**

Connect our Core Teams

Congregations connect to Gamaliel affiliate organizing work through a core team of trained leaders.

The conversation, Gamaliel national and local training, along with the interfaith theological vision of the Gamaliel National Clergy Caucus, build congregations that not only renew their own religious community, but their own local communities as well.

Build our National Identity

The Gamaliel Foundation is not a household name in very many cities. **Yet we are there.**

**GĀ-MĀ'-LĪ-EL
FOUNDATION**

You may be familiar with emerging and powerful organizations with names like MOSES, ISAIAH, BRIDGE, NJRC, ABLE, WISDOM, JOB, PNCC, NOAH, MCU, PIIN, etc.

We were busy building relationships in our local communities, and suddenly we found ourselves in the national arena. Now we are working to solve "our branding problem." We are trying all sorts of things to let the people in the public arena know that we have become the Gamaliel Network.

If you look at the Iowa Heartland Presidential Forum video, every time a sea of red appears in the scene, that is a sign that **"Gamaliel is in the house."**

While our leaders plan our new path ahead, we are sure the "transformation of the soul of our country and our democracy" depends more than ever on our continuing to organize together.

Known by our deeds, our brand will be what we do.

Connect to the Media

Acting together and connecting our identities is leading to coverage in the national press. It has been hard to connect with some of our media targets because of this year's all-consuming presidential election. We shouldn't be too surprised. It is one of the most interesting campaigns in years.

We are witnessing how a presidential race changes when one of the candidates began his professional career as a Gamaliel Organizer on the Southside of Chicago!

Many interesting things have happened for the candidate and for the Gamaliel Foundation since those early days.

One thing is certain: community organizing is in the news!

Connect with the Campaign for Community Values

The Gamaliel Foundation is proud to align our Faith and Democracy Campaign with the Community Values Campaign of the Center for Community Change. Gamaliel and the Center have been working together and separately on common issues for many years. We were proud to support the December 2007 Heartland Presidential Forum in Iowa with the attendance of over 600 of our leaders.

On December 4th we will proudly join CCC as sponsors of a forum in Washington, D.C. where we will introduce the new administration to our community values. You are invited to join us for:

Realizing the Promise:

A Forum on Community, Faith, and Democracy at the Washington Hilton beginning at 3:00 pm.

Tool Kit on the Web

More information about the Faith and Democracy Campaign is available at www.gamaliel.org. Questions may be addressed to info@gamaliel.org.