



NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope)

is an anti-racist faith-based coalition that is multiracial, multigenerational, and interfaith comprised of congregations, community organizations, and labor unions that work to amplify the power of ordinary people. (See www.noahtn.org.)

NOAH'S VISION: Nashville is a city that is anti-racist and just and equitable for all people.

NOAH's MISSION: To combat systemic injustices through community engagement, training, and direct public action.



NOAH'S PLATFORM AND TASK FORCES

1. Affordable Housing & Gentrification Task Force

Every 3rd Sunday, 2:30 PM. Meeting by Zoom. Email info@noahtn.org for link to the meeting.

- Preserve and produce affordable housing by recurring funding for Barnes Housing Trust Fund, inclusionary housing policies, creative uses of federal, state, local funds.
- Prevent displacement through home repair assistance, property tax relief, and other efforts.
- Create a 10 year plan and accountability structure (i.e., Office of Affordable Housing).
- Place affordable housing advocates on Metro Planning Commission and board of Metro Development and Housing Agency (MDHA)

2. Criminal Justice Task Force

Every 1st Monday, 6:00 PM. Meeting by Zoom. Email info@noahtn.org for link to the meeting.

- Implement alternatives to arrest using evidence-based, problem-solving options, including mental health diversion from jail and mental health response teams.
- Improve police policies, including excessive force policy, through use of body cameras, support of the Community Oversight Board, and ongoing meetings with police officials.
- Change policies and laws requiring “cash bail,” which criminalizes poverty, disrupts employment and families, and often leads to innocent people pleading guilty.

3. Economic Equity & Jobs Task Force

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00 PM. Meeting by Zoom. Email info@noahtn.org for link to the meeting.

- Promote transparency in public projects and incentives given to companies, including audits of all incentives that show the amount received and jobs created.
- Focus on underemployed and unemployed Davidson County residents through high-quality training programs, apprenticeships and existing educational programs.
- Attach community benefits to projects in high-poverty areas to aid low- and middle-income residents through equitable neighborhood economic development.

4. Education Task Force

Every 4th Monday, 6:30 PM. Meeting by Zoom. Email info@noahtn.org for link to the meeting.

- Eliminate racial disparity in school suspensions/expulsions and in gifted/talented programs.
- Sustainable funding and equitable resources for high quality education for ALL students.
- Reduce the digital divide and insure adequate virtual learning for all Metro Schools students.

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Monthly Meetings are on the second Tuesday, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

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NOAH Institutional Members:

1. Alameda Christian Church
2. American Baptist College
3. Anawim Community of Catholics
4. Beech Creek Baptist Church
5. Belmont United Methodist Church
6. Central Labor Council
7. Clark Memorial United Methodist Church
8. Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal)
9. Communication Workers of America (CWA) – Local 3808
10. Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Jewish Federation
11. Congregation Micah
12. Downtown Presbyterian Church
13. Eastwood Christian Church (DOC)
14. Edgehill United Methodist Church
15. Episcopal Diocese Beloved Community Commission
16. Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church
17. First Unitarian Universalist Church
18. Friends of Friend Ministries
19. Glenclyff United Methodist Church
20. Glendale Baptist Church
21. Gordon Memorial United Methodist Ch.
22. Greater Bethel AME Church
23. Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist
24. Hobson United Methodist Church
25. Howard Congregational Church (UCC)
26. Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship
27. IUPAT (International Union of Painters and Allied Trades) DC 91
28. The Islamic Center of Nashville
29. Kairos-Ebenezer AME Church
30. Laborers International Union of North America - Local 386
31. Lee Chapel AME Church
32. Meharry Medical College
33. Metropolitan Interdenominational Church
34. Middle TN Jobs with Justice
35. MNEA (Metro Nashville Education Assoc.)
36. Muslim American Cultural Association
37. Naaman's Retreat Ministries
38. Nashville District AME Church
39. Nashville Food Project
40. Napier-Looby Bar Association
41. New Covenant Christian Church (DOC)
42. New Living Word Community of Faith
43. Open Table Nashville
44. Organized Neighbors of Edgehill
45. Payne Chapel AME Church
46. Safer Schools Nashville
47. SEIU Local 205
48. Second Presbyterian Church
49. Southeast Center for Cooperative Development
50. Spruce Street Baptist Church
51. St. Ann's Episcopal Church
52. St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel
53. St. John AME Church
54. St. Luke AME Church
55. St. Paul AME Church
56. St. Vincent's Catholic Church
57. The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Sholom)
58. Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council
59. Tennessee Alliance for Progress (TAP)
60. The Village Church
61. West End Synagogue
62. West End United Methodist Church
63. Word of Life Christian Center International

NOAH Executive Committee of the Board:

Executive Officers:

- Chairperson: Rev. Edward L. Thompson (*Friends of Friend Ministries*)
- Vice-Chairperson: Maura-Lee Albert (*Service Employees International Union*)
- Treasurer: Bill Howell (*Edgehill United Methodist Church*)
- Acting Secretary: Rev. Linda Brown Saffore (*Lee Chapel AME Church*)

Executive Committee Chairs:

- Personnel: Rev. Herbert Lester (*Clark Memorial United Methodist Church*)
- Recruitment (Membership): Dr. Judy Cummings (*New Covenant Christian Church, DOC*)
- Finance: Rev. W. Antoni Sinkfield (*Payne Chapel AME Church*)

NOAH Staff:

Mike Hodge (Organizing Director); Kim Lannear (Admin. Asst.); Brian Zralek (Organizer)