



NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope)

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- NOAH is a powerful, county-wide, social justice organization that addresses issues *determined by its members* to be impacting our communities.
- NOAH is *interfaith & multi-racial*, involving congregations, labor unions, and other organizations.
- NOAH *engages ordinary people* in political & economic decisions affecting their lives, uniting the faith & justice community to act on its values in the public arena.
- NOAH does not endorse political candidates, but gets them to endorse our issues agenda, and *pledge to work with NOAH* if they are elected.

On February 22, 2015, NOAH presented its issue platform to 2,000 people and the eight Mayoral Candidates, all of whom committed to work with NOAH. Later, candidates for 15 Metro Districts made the same pledge. On August 16, the final two run-off candidates for Mayor, David Fox and Megan Barry, met with 1,500 NOAH members to outline their specific plans on Criminal Justice & Mass Incarceration, Gentrification & Affordable Housing, and Economic Equity & Jobs. After Mayor Barry was elected, NOAH began meetings with her staff on our issues. On October 30, 2016, over 1700 people heard Mayor Barry report on NOAH's issues and make new commitments.

NOAH'S PLATFORM

1. Housing

- 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 for longtime residents, homeowner education, and other efforts.
- Create a structure of accountability for affordable housing needs, such as an adequately staffed Mayor's Office of Affordable Housing.
- Place affordable housing advocates on Metro Planning Commission and board of Metro Development and Housing Agency (MDHA)

2. Criminal Justice

- Reduce the Metro Jail population and General Sessions docket by 50% through alternatives to arrest using mental health diversion from jail and other problem-solving and restorative-justice options.
- Eliminate racial disparity in police stops, school suspensions, Juvenile Court referrals.

3. Economic Equity and Jobs

- Promote transparency in public projects and incentives given to companies, including audits of all incentives that show the amount received and jobs created.
- Institute local-hiring and training requirements that fill jobs with formerly 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.

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

Fifteenth Ave Baptist Church (1203 – 9th Ave North)

NOAH Dues-paying Members:

1. Alameda Christian Church
2. Belmont United Methodist Church
3. Castanea Community
4. Cayce United
5. Central Labor Council
6. Clark Memorial United Methodist Church
7. Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal)
8. CWA - Local 3808
9. CommunityNashville
10. Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Jewish Federation
11. Downtown Presbyterian Church
12. Eastwood Christian Church (DOC)
13. Edgehill United Methodist Church
14. Family Reconciliation Center
15. Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church
16. First Unitarian Universalist Church
17. Glendale Baptist Church
18. Gordon Memorial United Methodist Ch.
19. Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
20. Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist
21. Hobson United Methodist Church
22. Howard Congregational Church (UCC)
23. Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship
24. Ironworkers Local 846
25. The Islamic Center of Nashville
26. Laborers International Union of North America - Local 386
27. Lee Chapel AME Church
28. Lipscomb Institute for Civic Leadership and Conflict Management
29. Meharry Medical College
30. Metropolitan Interdenominational Church
31. Middle TN Jobs with Justice
32. MNEA (Metro Nashville Education Assoc.)
33. Mt. Zion Baptist Church
34. Muslim American Cultural Association
35. Naaman's Retreat Ministries
36. Nashville Community of Passionist Partners
37. Nashville District AME Church
38. Nashville Food Project
39. Nashville Franciscan Group
40. New Covenant Christian Church (DOC)
41. Open Table
42. Organized Neighbors of Edgehill
43. Payne Chapel AME Church
44. SEIU Local 205
45. Second Presbyterian Church
46. Spruce Street Baptist Church
47. St. Ann's Episcopal Church
48. St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel
49. St. James AME Church
50. St. John AME Church
51. St. Luke AME Church
52. St. Paul AME Church
53. St. Vincent's Catholic Church
54. The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Sholom)
55. Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council
56. Tennessee Alliance for Progress (TAP)
57. United Auto Workers (UAW) – Local 737
58. The Village Church
59. West End Synagogue
60. West End United Methodist Church
61. Youth for a Peaceful Community

NOAH Executive Committee of the Board:

Executive Officers:

- Chairperson: Rev. Edward L. Thompson (*Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship*)
- Vice-Chairperson: Benny Overton (*United Auto Workers*)
- Treasurer: Bill Howell (*Edgehill United Methodist Church*)
- Secretary: Tanya Debro (*Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church*)

Executive Committee Chairs:

- Personnel: Rev. Gail Seavey (*First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville*)
- Recruitment (Membership): Dr. Judy Cummings (*New Covenant Christian Church, DOC*)
- Training: Maura-Lee Albert (*Service Employees International Union*)
- Finance: Rev. W. Antoni Sinkfield (*Payne Chapel AME Church*)
- Public Relations: Shemera Jordan (*Lipscomb Institute for Civic Leadership*)