



**INTERFAITH**  
**ACTION** OF GREATER  
SAINT PAUL

# Land Acknowledgement



Interfaith Action is located on the traditional and contemporary lands of the Dakota people, who have lived here for hundreds of years. Despite centuries of colonial theft and violence, this is still and will always be Indigenous land. We honor the ancestral stewards of this land and celebrate their past, present and future.



Opportunity grows and  
poverty recedes  
when people of faith  
invest themselves in effective action.

# How Will This Civic Engagement Series Work?



- The Commissioner will give us several dilemmas faced in public safety work;
- Each dilemma (or pair of dilemmas) will be the subject of a ***cycle***.

# What happens in a cycle?



There are three steps in a cycle:

- 1. Leadership Meeting**
- 2. Congregational Discussion and Study**
- 3. Report Results to Learning Team**

# The Three Steps in a Cycle

**STEP ONE: Leadership Meeting.** Commissioner explains a dilemma to clergy and leaders; video is made of Comm'r's explanation of the dilemma; Comm'r and leadership discuss the dilemma on Zoom.

- Talk it through; study text from faith tradition; talk it through again.

**STEP TWO: Congregational Discussion and Study.** Each leader brings the dilemma to their congregation – can be through sermon, education hour, young adult youth group, whatever works. Video of Comm'r explaining the dilemma will be available.

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**STEP THREE: Report Results to Learning Team.** Congregation's Learning Coordinator feeds congregation's responses back to Learning Team.

# How many cycles, how many meetings?



- When Commissioner Harrington finishes preparing the scenarios, we'll know for sure – likely three to five cycles.
- And at the end we'll have one session to report everything back to you.
- So, *if* there are three cycles:
  - You'll all meet with the Comm'r like this three times;
  - Plus one report-back session at the end; and,
  - You'll meet with your congregations and get their feedback three times.
- Sessions will be roughly every other month.

# What is asked of each congregation?



- Each congregation needs to staff three roles:
  1. **Clergy or other recognized leader** – respected leader who will highlight how this work fits with the congregation’s faith and values
  2. **Facilitator** – person who will organize and lead conversations
  3. **Learning Coordinator** – person who will collect congregation’s feedback and submit to learning team
- Job descriptions will be provided for each role
- One person may play more than one of these roles

# Dates of Leadership Sessions with the Commissioner



- Session #1: Tuesday, January 25, 11am – 1pm
- Session #2: Tuesday, March 22, 11am – 1pm
- Session #3: Tuesday, May 24, 1pm -3pm
- Session #4: TBD

I'm interested . . .  
How do I sign up?



- Simply fill out a sign-up form
- Sarah will send forms soon