



National **Benevolent** Association

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Justice Buffet

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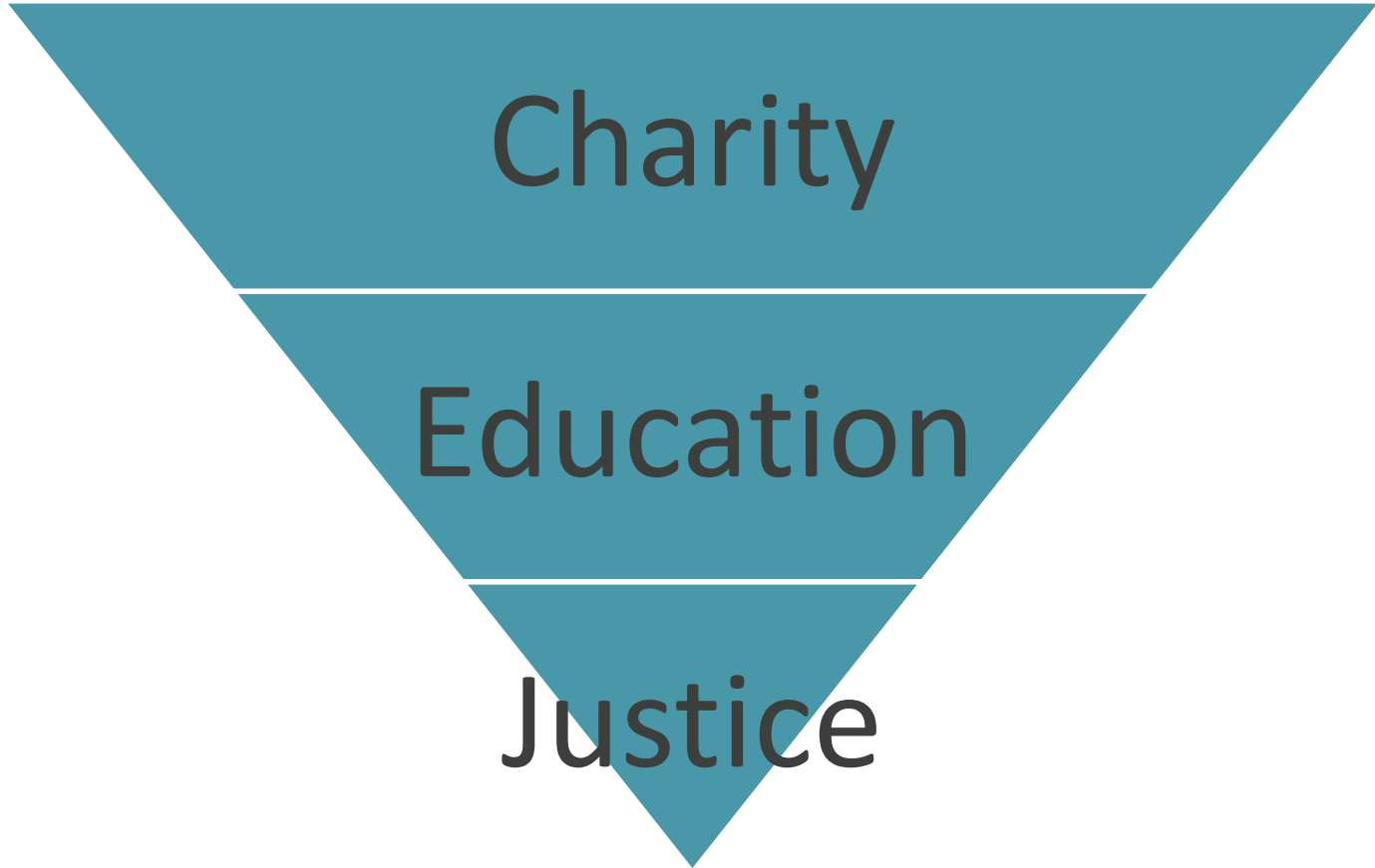
MISSION STATEMENT

Following God's call, the National Benevolent Association exists to inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity.

Program Coordinator for A&A

- ~Nonprofit Leadership: Convener NBA Advocacy and Activist Peer Group
 - ~Mid-America Pilot Project: An experiment of decentralized way for regions to build congregation led racial justice movements in their cities.
 - ~Disciples Justice Ministries: A space created with the justice ministries of the church ease connection for congregations and regions to justice work and to strengthen the infrastructure and leverage our organizations and resources.
- Reach out to the NBA if you are trying figure out what to do, and how to do it.
- We want to connect you to Disciples Justice Ministries and accompany you!

Justice Buffet





Activism

Advocacy

Organizing

Justice Buffet EXCERCISE

Take a moment locate your group in the Buffet One, based on the definition what are your reflections and observations:

Yourself

Your home church

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Your community group



Action Planning

1. Prayerfully discern your own capacity and commitment level: volunteer, core member, leader.
2. Identify a major network organizing in your area: go to a meeting.
3. Build relationships with neighbor's and partners: schedule one-on-one meetings.
4. Decide if you can join or if you must build.



NEXT STEPS

- 1) Bring key church leaders together with local organizers
- 2) Form a core group with community neighbors
- 3) Get the core group trained
- 4) Discern & research the changes you want to see
- 5) Create a strategic campaign and win
- 6) Celebrate and move to next issue or campaign



Questions?

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