

## Quad Cities Interfaith Membership Investments and Expectations

### QCI's Investment in Congregations/Organizations

#### **Build Community**

QCI helps congregations grow. It offers training and support for member congregations to build deeper relationships among their members and in their communities, increasing connection, belonging, and clarity for mission and ministry. Resulting in a cohesive and active congregation or organization whose goals are to; fully proclaim their faith in the public sphere, increase membership, become relevant and significant in the community and have long term sustainability.

Through QCI, pastors and congregational leaders work together and build relationships with leaders across denominations and faith traditions and across the Quad Cities, the states of Iowa and Illinois, and the country.

#### **Develop Leaders and Move Faith Values into Public**

QCI offers local trainings throughout the year for leaders in member congregations. QCI's faith-based organizing utilizes congregations and community organizations as the center for creating positive social change. By providing the means for ordinary people to empower themselves and become powerful leaders, we make systemic, sustainable changes. Topics include one-to-one relationship building and listening campaigns, building core leadership teams, power analysis and taking action.

Our projects provide trainings, tools, and skills for people to empower themselves to become leaders that are able to overcome their own oppression and improve the quality of life in our region. Regardless of the specific issues addressed, the goal is to use the gifts of our people and the resources of our faith to rebuild the community and to shape a society that is more respectful of the life, dignity and rights of each person.

QCI members also gain access to intensive and comprehensive leadership training opportunities, regional and national, through the Gamaliel Network. Leaders and organizations benefit from QCI's 33 plus years of experience.

### Congregation's Investment in QCI

#### **Financial Investment**

**Annual Dues:** 1% of congregation's annual budget or \$600 annually (other options are available)

**Sustaining Donors:** We also encourage each organization to find 5 members that become monthly sustaining donors.

#### **Leadership Investment**

**Organizations Leader (Pastor, Imam, Rabbi ...):** engages with QCI's Faith Leaders Caucus and attends annual Fundraising Breakfast

**Board Member:** appointed by congregation's/organization's leader and board. (see back)

### **Expectations of QCI Board Members**

- Comes to monthly Leadership Assemblies prepared to engage the work and make decisions representing their organization and core team.
- Engages in QCI's work on an issue taskforce or another leadership team.
- Attends Gamaliel National Leadership Training ("weeklong") or Mottet Leadership Institute as well as other local, regional, and national trainings.
- Helps build "Core Team" of leaders within the organization or congregation who also engages in QCI's work
- Is a QCI sustaining monthly donor and ensures the congregation/organization pays its annual dues.
- Represents QCI's mission and values in the public arena.