Let Justice Take the LEAD

For many years, a growing number of Catholic and Protestant churches and a Muslim community in Dayton have been organized to advocate for social justice by an organization called Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton (LEAD). Members of these faith communities learn about the Biblical call to work for justice and the strategy found in the book of Nehemiah, narrow down the issue(s) they want to work on, research the issue(s), and organize an "action." Last year, they recruited over 850 people to come to a meeting with two county commissioners, and lobbied for increased funding for drug rehabilitation programs and for the county to develop a strategy to attract "green" jobs to Dayton. LEAD members have followed up with these two commissioners to make sure they follow through on the commitments they made at that meeting.

LEAD has approached the University of Dayton to join their growing number of faith communities to advocate for positive change in our community. Our goal is to have at least 25 UD faculty, staff and students involved in this year's process. We hope you will be one of them and will invite others to get involved as well. Faculty, staff, and even many students (despite what is often said about students living in the "bubble") can contribute a great deal to the process from our knowledge and general life experience of living in the Dayton area. In addition, this can be a great way to learn about how faith-based community organizing works—and how it works effectively!

The first meeting of this year is an "Orientation Workshop" to the year-long process. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9:00am -12:30pm (including breakfast) at McKinley United Methodist Church (196 Hawthorn Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402-8342). The meeting to narrow down the issues will be in November and the action meeting will be in April. Email or call Nick (njc@udayton.edu or 229.2576) if you are interested. He is organizing a carpool from campus that morning. "Let justice take the LEAD."

A local charity which serves the poor in the Dayton area will receive 10% of every Sunday collection. The rest of the collection supports more than 100 Campus Ministry programs of all kinds, including our Service Club of the Week: Entertainment for the Elderly.

Entertainment for the Elderly

is an organization that fosters happiness and joy for the elderly in the homes near UD. The services include: bingo games, friendly visiting, musical entertainment, and other various activities.
Lighthouse Retreat  
October 23-25  
Is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors, with a focus on life’s challenges and the sources of light and hope in the midst of these challenges. It is a time to explore spirituality, self and relationships through ritual and community reflection. For details and registration visit: ministry.udayton.edu or pick up a form in Liberty Hall room 201. Contact Dave at x92010 or conarddg@notes.udayton.edu

Metanoia Team Applications  
Now Available!  
Pick one up today in the back of the chapel or Liberty Hall for the retreat happening January 29-31. Contact Dave Conard or Allison Leigh with questions. Applications are due October 7 by 5 p.m.

Amen: Broken and Shared  
October 16-18  
Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Catholic Life, this weekend offers an opportunity for Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, faith sharing, reflection, social activities, and plenty of time for personal reflection and rest. For details contact Jeremy Helmes at: Jeremy.Helmes@notes.udayton.edu or Patrick Cashio at: cashiopa@notes.udayton.edu

L.I.F.E.  
Attention Freshman!! Interested in growing in your Catholic faith? Then join a L.I.F.E. group. We have four different times and places for you to choose from: Mondays at 9pm in Marycrest, Tuesdays at 8:30pm in Marycrest, Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Founders, and Thursdays at 7:30pm in Stuart. If you're interested or have any questions contact Mary at udcatholiclife@gmail.com

Religious Talk in a Pluralist Community  
Dr. Jason Pierce, Political Science, will speak about the role of religion in a diverse community at the next Perspectives on Faith and Life dinner. His talk will be followed by facilitated table discussion. This is a great way to talk about important issues and to enjoy a free catered meal in an engaging environment. Session runs from 6-8:30pm in the Barrett Dining Room on Monday October 12. RSVP to pfls@notes.udayton.edu

UDIM Retreat Day  
Spend the day, October 17, with UD Interdenominational Ministry as we look at what it means to be men and women of Christ. While this is an on-campus retreat, attendance is expected for the entirety of the day’s events 10am-6pm. For registration visit UDIM’s Facebook page or send Rev. LaKendra an email/Facebook message. Registration is due no later than October 15, $5 fee & form can be turned into Campus Ministry main building Liberty Hall, Rm 101, your residence hall campus ministry or Rev. LaKendra’s office 117 Marianist Hall.

Porch Bible Study  
Join us every Tuesday at 9pm at: 1617 Frericks Way. No bible needed; open hearts required. Contact: Patrick Cashio at: cashiopa@notes.udayton.edu

Get Involved in Service and Justice

Is Healthcare a Human Right?  
Table of Plenty is a chance for open dialogue with other students, faculty, and staff on current social justice issues. Lunch made and provided by the CSC staff! October 13 at noon in Liberty Hall, Room 08. RSVP to Sue Terbay at terbaysc@notes.udayton.edu

Spring Breakouts  
Consider participating in opportunities by air travel to host communities in Texas, California, Ecuador, Mexico, and El Salvador. UD students, along with the faculty/ staff leader will be immersed in a new culture and way of life. You will share, learn and lend a helping hand with members of the host community. Info sessions; Applications campus.udayton.edu/~csc/breakouts are due October 16. Any questions. Contact Mary Niebler at Mary.Niebler@notes.udayton.edu or x92012

Thinking about a Year of Service?  
**Beyond UD Fair:** Representatives from 50 post-grad service organizations will be at tables with information to help you discern if this is what you want to do after you graduate. October 13 from 7-9pm in KU Ballroom.  
**Beyond UD PORCH Group:** This small Christian community is focused on discernment about life after UD, with a particular focus on volunteering. Meets every Tuesday from 6-7pm. Dinner provided. Contact Colleen O'Grady at ogradycd@notes.udayton.edu