

Minutes for Religion and DV Committee

On March 26, 2019 the DVC Religion and DV committee met at 1:15pm at PPMI headquarters. Present were Benita R Walker, Varsha N., JD, and Cecelia Walker. Member Donna Derden was unable to attend due to an office emergency.

(Note: If possible, we would like to move forward with, if permissible, 3 co-chairs. Three listed above. We are hopeful to increase our membership to this invaluable committee.)

Bernita opened with welcoming remarks. Bernita, Cecilia, Varsha had wonderful discussions and ideas about how to engage community leaders of interfaith backgrounds in being a part of this committee.

Our meeting agenda today included the following:

Emailing Places of Worship

Creating an emailing list of Faith worship locations in the North section of LA County. It was decided that we each would investigate avenues where this information can be found. We will email a prepared letter to each location with an invitation to attend a Community mtg to introduce the committee's focus and ask Faith community to define their understanding of DV and how it is viewed by the Faith Community. Bernita will be emailing draft letter to the committee for review. Cecilia and Varsha will research a list for Faith Based organizations in LA County. We are hoping that it can be used to attract Deputies and Officers.

Request to deliver brief presentation to DVC re: DV and Religion Committee

Due to the increase in attendees for the DVC, we would like to do a profile of the committee, and a request response from the audience. We would like to host our next committee meeting right after the conclusion of the next DVC meeting.

Hosting a Panel of Interfaith Leaders

Varsha is working on securing a central venue downtown to host a panel of speakers for this Fall. We are brainstorming ideas to host a panel of Interfaith speakers.

Thank you!