

2009 SUMMARY

Hunger Dialogues



Lovingston Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is required of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
10 participants Calvary Emmanuel Fairmount Ridgecrest	easier to do immediate relief one time event is easier get quick results fearless less involvement less time commitment	lack of awareness / creativity requires more \$ and resources risk of failure concerned about dignity of client	time relationship risk challenge our belief system

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Identify needs of people	Awareness
collection w/communion publish a list of corporations that do charitable giving educate potential donors reduced cost groceries local farmer surplus admission to events = cans of food encouraging receivers to give back and/or volunteer Angel Food	involve youth/ college students people needing community service hours/sorority& fraternity need training involve the retired community receivers giving back mentoring volunteers tap into those with expertise, gifts, passions	nutrition education budgeting transportation		educate & train church members about needs

Future	2025	What have Virginia Baptists done?	Next Steps	How can we support you?
	healthier less obesity growing own food people helping others lower crime rates getting along lower unemployment rediscovering our purpose self sufficient more people in church less food pantries model for others living within our means education on the rise	Put faith in action and in self Cooperate & combine resources Education - budgeting, gardening Changed the pond convinced the churchgoer changed legislation understand scriptural basis developed relationships	Find out - resource assessment Educate - emphasize relationship Food Pantry - combine with others Community Garden - canning classes Listening and looking for legislation	Share info Provide resources- Education/videos - models Dialogue outline/meeting plan regional resource people speakers at associational meetings website - videos/stories/links teaching churches network by affinity worship service resources

Gloucester Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is required of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
9 participants Newington Hampton FBC Newport News Parkview Kilmarnock White Stone	easy immediate small investment get quick results	no ownership don't want to change need facilitator let other agencies attitude biases	time requires change commitment relationship

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Identify needs of people	Awareness / Attitude
	Network with other churches Community food drives individual contributions special offerings campaigns - souper bowl using church buildings bakery donations grocery store donations home/community gardens bartering	central organization to share resources	Love & acceptance-meet them where they are List of resources buy them lunch affordable housing health transportation mental health list of feeding places nutrition - menu planning education	provide experiences out of comfort zone Ruby Payne-Understanding Poverty Teach tolerance - peace-justice Match people/project for understanding

Future	2025	What have Virginia Baptists done?	Next Steps	How can we support you?
	More seniors less food pantries less land -more crops less unemployment cleaner environment less poverty less crime - gun control more /healthy children fewer hospitals more networking positive community spirit	OK to lobby government social justice accepting & working together really walk the talk understand - attitude develop relationships - name & face facilitation of resources taught skills - how to fish learned how to do it better empathy - modeled Jesus	apprentice/mentor church members change how we distribute food develop relationships w/individuals train job skills - develop connections awareness event Community gardens to supplement food pantry	Didn't get around to this question. See other dialogue sheets for ideas.

Duffield Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is required of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
9 participants Free Hill Moore's Memorial Ewing, 1st Thomas Village DOM Community Services	easy immediate small investment	time education - how to - awareness financial attitude need volunteers w/ expertise lack of knowledge of system	listening skills resources intermediate steps knowledge of legislation connect with legislators relationships

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Identify needs of people	Awareness / Attitude	Education/ Training
	Looking at building for storing food grants hunger funds -VBMB	Senior citizens target people for specific requests	counseling education job training resource management available resources safety warmth shelter food empowerment know Jesus Know someone cares		Local agencies Connect with faith based organizations What is available on the state level? State agencies train lay leaders

Future	2025	What have VB done?	Next Steps	How can we support you?
	less crime less drug use - legal/illegal healthcare available for all reasonable healthcare less food pantries churches focused outward healthier people spiritual focus less unemployment less programs bills are paid lost weight	provided sustainable jobs food distribution cooperative partnerships prayer - looking for God at work outward focused obedient Moved from immediate relief to individual change offered hope transportation education created/impacted legislation improved communication tore down barriers gave more - \$, time, product relationship	partner w/ government & other agencies develop congregational awareness prayer walking prayer - offer grace Simulation experience	share output better utilize time & relationship effort communication nutritional info-food pantry awareness resources

Norfolk Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is req. of us to move toward indiv/systemic change?
13 participants Freemason Street Great Bridge Park Place Cradock Southside Temple River Shore Deep Creek Hickory Ridge Com. Hope Community Norfolk Assoc.	easy immediate small investment get quick results	Manpower not knowing needs of community transient clients status quo NIMBY readiness to respond education system is big red tape overwhelming perception of church in the community	listening to needs of client looking at them as people not projects long term commitment relationship reinvesting the church partnership understanding root causes engaging legislation & agencies

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Identify needs of people	Awareness / Attitude	Education/ Training
	USDA summer lunch program partner w/ businesses/agencies community food drives	repeat clients become volunteers/proponents of program neighbors see the work and become part of it churches form partnerships, help where one church cannot do it alone groups that use your building - boy& girls scouts, AA, etc.			identify what we already know What has and hasn't worked Research / resources, systems, dynamics plan objectives- resources, tasks, timeline

Developing relationships	Partnerships
provide assistance w/ spiritual component providing help opens door to new ministry opportunities - ie bicycle ministry, job assistance	help us leverage resources for maximum impact Consider how we choose whom to partner with

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	less crime lower unemployment front porches friendlier higher SOL scores higher literacy stronger families reduced carbon footprint ethnic diversity greener healthier / less obesity more gardens unity in church more Christians healthier children live longer	Shared resources - food, \$, time, Christ created partnerships started caring provided education obedient to Christ practice what we preach trained new generation of leaders involved children	network - agencies & other churches kingdom lens educate ourselves - issues, needs, resources, root causes educate children pray for guidance look around - assess community needs	info sharing - I have, you need

Richmond Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?		What is required of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
20 participants	convenience	fear	lack of faith	vision
Spring Hill	project focused	time	lack of awareness	relationships
Central	Easy	lack of education	politics	knowledge of resources
Richmond, 2nd	Less time	lack of understanding		people focused
Chamberlayne		commitment	focus on giver	accountability
Hatcher Memorial		leadership	overwhelming	use voice/empowerment
Pine Street		think too small	isolation in churches	dignity of client
Richmond, 1st		opportunities available?	misunderstanding of system	
River Road		new client base		
Richmond, 2nd		not knowing needs of community		
Tabernacle				
Woodland Heights				

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Awareness / Attitude	Developing relationships
	tote bag of food for BGAV meeting	senior groups	statistics	pray with them
	assoc.	summer student help	speakers	listen
	individuals	unemployed	create experiences	offer beverage & snacks at food pantry
	small groups	partner with other churches	30 Hour famine	show love
	Collect during holidays other than Christmas		stories of the poor	view food pantry as a 'Ministry'
	VBS projects		called to help poor	try to get to know them
	civic associations		personalize the numbers	put tracts in bags - let them know doing in Jesus name
	food bank			
	food drives			
	filling boxes at work			

Knowledge of system	Leadership
increase knowledge of public system	Build awareness by increasing knowledge of the need and resources
ie food stamps	Communicate the need through personal testimony
eligibility/how to apply/what it covers/gaps	
Increase knowledge of non-profit outreach - Feed More/CVFB/Meals on Wheels	
Increase awareness of neighborhood churches - outreach ideas/cooperative efforts / ecumenical	
Increase awareness of community - pockets of need under our noses	
available volunteers	
agency connections	
influence/networking / connectrichmond.org	

Future	2025	What have Virginia Baptists done?	Next Steps
	More Virginia residents Less prisoners/crime more jobs less homelessness more revenue better health/longer life less redundancy more diversity positive outlook better education Know Jesus Stronger families Well-rounded Less teen pregnancy	Networked Offered holistic help moved outside the church more relational ecumenical partnerships giving more let go of money inspired new generation faith-believe practice what we preach impacted political systems	remind church of our purpose volunteer & recruit others communicate specific needs lift up the goal-cast vision educate - build awareness pray for personal conviction keep the faith

How can we support you?

- Powerpoint presentation-statistics-links-what's being done
- talk with other churches-network
- List of concrete specific needs
- awareness resources
- Connect with BGAV
- knowledge of political issues
- reinforce Hope Builders
- vision statement-goal clearly communicated
- idea sharing

Fredericksburg Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is req. of us to move toward indiv/systemic change?
13 participants Crossroad Community Community Fairview Ferry Farm Real Life Orange Grace Salvation Army Bethany Mercy Missions Community Garden	time want immediate results	knowledge of resources/agencies qualified volunteers mindset of client confusion about church/state issues fear stereotypes prejudice lack of understanding Finances	emotioanl investment communication how to network/partner relationship open to transformation prophetic voice attitude relate to legel system/politicians

Solutions to issues	Acquiring \$ and product	Human resources	Awareness / Attitude
	donated land for gardens financial sources	mentors/caring people willing to make investment community seminars-educate political representatives means of communication between churches and government agencies	publicize needs - be specific personlaize needs-put a face on it avoid stereotype realization provide resource list for referrals speakers - dialog annual projects educate /involve children

Partnerships	Knowledge of system	Developing relationships
Charity Tracker/ United Way/ 211 calling other churches civic org. word of mouth - talking with people symposium of area churches newspaper small businesses electronic media legislators	need a lobbyist need a knowledgeable/skilled task force develop task forces on political district levels	time to know each other listen to their stories provide healthy networks-impov.are isolated provide safety net / advocacy churches need to understand time invested by staff & volunteers is ministry

Future	2025	What have VB done?	Next Steps
	<p>one income will provide for a family savings increase smaller homes relational more jobs universal healthcare healthier/less disease family stronger less mobile value shift food supply changed less crime more mass transit less consumerism</p> <p>Voc. Ed. Valued shorter commute better education</p>	<p>hired a lobbyist mental health advocacy developed hunger task force invested in neighbors - front porch practice hospitality partnered/networked- faith based and secular values of church shifted spoke up ministerial training outward focus invest in children/youth</p>	<p>Hire a lobbyist learn from others-VCC/secular more opportunities for dialog - Pastor/Deacon retreat staff in communities generate \$ listen model it for others research gardens advocates</p> <p>How can we support you?</p> <p>website - network - communicate in other ways Tony Campolo voices at events Info regarding community garden/Angel Food Form task forces- political district alignment awareness - resources and process grant writer - implement ideas</p>

McLean Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is req. of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
14 participants Braddock McLean Columbia Rock Spring Herndon, 1st Manassas	few workers reactionary mode want instant relief project oriented easy to measure	volume of need risky lack of knowledge language barriers lack expertise in individual change denial understanding mental health issues	personal involvement relationship need to address causes vulnerability access to services understanding the causes less busy good coordination and planning knowledge of church and state relationship

Solutions to issues	Acquiring funds and product	Human resources	Awareness / Attitude
	Pray	recipient participate in planning	
	Mission evaluation /re-evaluation financial transparency/accountability	listening to client keep mission goals finite bring a co-worker/friend community	constant promotion prayerwalking walk in their shoes awareness of
	Developing relationships		
	Go where they are		Biblical understanding cooperation with other Christians publication of the needs & what the church is doing safety issues onsite responses
	look for opportunities to invite clients interact try to learn their language cultural awareness make them feel welcome equalizing activities - crafts-bake mentoring		

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<p>more jobs more public transportation universal healthcare ecumenical church is hands and feet great education local/affordable produce multi-generational housing healthier diversity laws/penalties change living wages many urban centers less crime more voting</p>	<p>program to people quit arguing-unity cooperate/network/partner PRAYED learned to move from immediate relief to systematic change changed laws foster children- 2 years minimum education made affordable housing affordable revival mentoring/prison killed TV adults/youth reach out marriage/family stronger takes a village early childhood education/nutrition invest in rehab/recovery that is affordable</p>	<p>volunteer in prison eradicate sex trade</p>	<p>Mentoring program communicate with friends/legislators take opportunities to connect learn- resources/issues/systems partner with other churches</p>

Chase City Dialog	What keeps us doing immediate relief?	What keeps us from moving toward individual change or systemic change?	What is required of us to move toward individual and systemic change?
29 participants			
Ash Avenue	money	don't know how to partner with institutions & agencies	time
Black Walnut	volunteers	don't know political process	money
Union Level	ignorance	fear of church /state issue	volunteers
Concord	fear - offending-interfering-change	attitude	relationship
Olive Branch		afraid to tackle the system	leadership
Antioch		knowing who to connect with	concept of who and what church is
True Word Christian		whose job is it?	
Salem UMC		just one little church	
Black Branch		lack of conviction	
Wyliesburg		messy- people	
Tabernacle		apathetic	
North Fork		lack of training	

Solutions to issues	Acquiring \$ and product	Human resources	Identify needs of people	Awareness / Attitude
	church contributions	training through association or group of churches	Job training	listen
	special offerings	use gifts/expertise/passions	Interview prep	find out problem
	fund raisers	educate the church on hunger needs - continuum	budget/finances	adopt a theme
	VBMB	work with other organizations	nutrition	needs assessment
	associational office	civic - honor society-FFA-DECA	gardening	cast vision
	trust accounts		resume/application	little churches partner with larger churches or other little churches
			childcare	homeless?-do you have them in your community
			computer	

Knowledge of system	Partnerships
educate on laws and needs	establish relationships
engage system	build communication
learn art of compromise (not message)	establish rapport with local politicians so we have some clout
educate those working in system- how can we partner - not replace them	invite agency leaders to explain their program and guidelines
form relationships - not friendships	be flexible
help them do it their way and earn right to offer change	ecumenical
be part of the solution	
be patient not complacent	

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	churches overflowing better education lower unemployment faith influencing legislation better/available healthcare less food pantries less homeless less separation of church and state	more ecumenism better educating church members got out the vote less doctrine-more love PRAY educated recipients took more active role in selecting leaders disciple our church	mentored authentic relationships lived the call less of self -more of others depended on God learned to work with political system fed people-physically & spiritually tithed Prayer network tithe find other like-minded people discover ministry directed at individual change discover need-listen act like Christ develop relationships- agencies-recipients- church learn from experts-training find out what others are doing help problem- don't ignore

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	<p>plenty of jobs better education</p> <p>less hunger healthier less crime</p> <p>more tech education less cracks/better safety net program for children and youth avail & affordable housing live simply mentoring is obvious connected with one another-village is working church attendance is up</p>	<p>created programs for children and youth communicating</p> <p>developing relationships into community/involved assessments built relationship with client, providers, policymakers faith in action meet needs where they are identify/look for needs</p>	<p>cooperative initiative i.e. training manual set goals & communicate them educate- what's available-ambassadors for change Advocates Resource directory</p> <p>recruitment/apprenticeship use resources available-newspaper free continue to meet open up to others</p>	<p>government /legislative info grant info</p> <p>grant writing workshop current need assessment VB model working together - UMC - Presbyterian</p> <p>referral book training</p>