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MOBILIZING LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTH AND WHOLENESS FOR ALL

Session Objectives (“lofty”!)

- Understand health – trends in health status, what science “knows”, shifts in social and cultural framing of health
- Describe strategies and practices for mobilizing leaders – what works
- Describe principles and practices of leadership that transforms – creating healthy communities
- Identify networks and resources

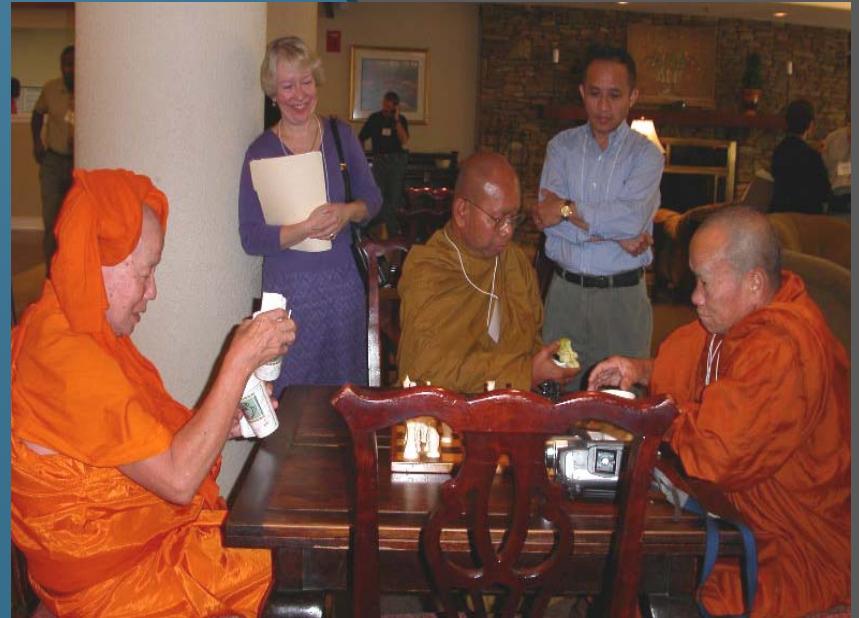
“Mobilize”

Reflect on an experience you have had when people and resources were mobilized with amazing energy and commitment.

- ⦿ What were the ingredients or elements that contributed to the mobilization?

My “location”/biases – what informs my offering to you [John 10:10]

- Atlanta Interfaith Health Program
- Training for Transformation – David Hilton
- Congregational Health Ministry Director
- Teaching “Faith and Health”, “Health as Social Justice” at Emory (theology and public health schools)
- *Institute for Public Health and Faith Collaborations and Collaborative Leadership*
- African Religious Health Assets Programme
- DMin in Faith and the Health of Communities





“Health” – Challenging Trends and Opportunities

- ⦿ Increases in life expectancy in most but not all countries
- ⦿ Gaps between groups are persistent!
- ⦿ Differences associated with social conditions
- ⦿ HIV/AIDS, chronic diseases
- ⦿ Come up against the limitations of the biomedical and economic model of health care delivery

Mobilization Strategies – “Agency”

- ⦿ Discover, listen, begin where the people are
- ⦿ Look for and build on strengths/”assets” – resources for health move across relationships!!
- ⦿ Have an expansive and open view of health – be creative and include different partners, players
- ⦿ Facilitate, animate, release life – dunamis, love, “groaning of creation”

Leadership Principles, Characteristics, and Practices: The Beloved Shalom Community

- Seeing and naming reality - *must be people of vision, passion, and commitment. Scale!!* (individual, family, congregation, neighborhood, community,)
- Personal validation - *must have a capacity to trust -- trusting God, self, and others.*
- Supporting the growth and potential in others – individuals, groups, communities, institutions, ...

Leadership Principles, Characteristics, and Practices: Cont'd

- ⦿ Action and reflection - learning and change come from *integrating experience through reflection*
- ⦿ Courage, risk - *risk that validates commitment to the vision, not the self*

Adapted from R. Linthicum's *Building a People of Power: Equipping Churches to Transform Their Communities*, World Vision Press, 2006

What is groaning, emergent in you?
What life energy of love for creation is
moving in you?



Resources and Tools

- ⦿ **** **People at this conference!!!** ****
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