Post November 2016 Reactions

White progressives including allies, staff and members

People of Color
The First Revolution Is Internal

Faith Voices Columbia
Boone County

Faith In Action St. Louis
St. Louis City, STL County
St. Charles

Faith Voices Jefferson City
Cole and Calloway County

Faith Voices Southwest MO
Greene, Christian, Ozark
OTHERING -

SOME EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGISTS DESCRIBE THIS TENDENCY TO SORT OURSELVES INTO INGROUPS AND OUTGROUPS AS AN ORGANIC PHENOMENON THAT ONCE SERVED A DEFENSIVE FUNCTION. BUT TODAY, OTHERING IS A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROCESS, AND IT POSES A GRAVE MORAL PROBLEM. OTHERING USES BONDS OF SHARED IDENTITY TO DENY EMPATHY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING TO OTHERS. JOHN POWELL.
BEING INFECTED BY DOG WHISTLE POLITICS

• RURAL VS. URBAN
• OBAMA CARE
Fighting for Medicaid Expansion 23 preachers went to jail, charged and sentenced. Most of them were Black and from KC and STL. But more Missourians in Rural areas are on and need Medicaid. Rural hospitals closed across the state.
Different Social and geographical locations
Same Call, same pain

Columbia Clergy

St. Louis Clergy
Missouri State Motto:
“Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law.”

Our sacred texts told us that it was “all people” but our politics demonstrated that even people of faith practice othering.
Bridging - When you bridge you can create fertile ground to begin addressing the problems you want to solve - John Powell
Conversations on Racism
Deep Listening Campaigns
Collecting Stories
I had no idea when I took that $500 loan out to fix our car it would cost my family $6,000.

Jennifer Trogdan 
Springfield, MO
Can You Feel My Pain?
We stood with Charlottesville from St. Louis to Springfield
DACA Accompaniments In Springfield and Columbia
There is no Us Vs. Them; We Are Them
We joined allies across the state and grassroots groups turned in 48% of 347,000 signatures
What if we broke the boundaries across the state?
Mass Canvasses
#Freedom Summer

- Engage 20,000 voters of Color and low propensity voters
- Register 5,000 new voters
- De politicize and deracialize issues
- Voters vote self interest
It is not enough for us to turn a state blue if Brown and Black People and poor white people are struggling. We are imaging a state that the most vulnerable citizens are well.
Aspiration: Organizing in Every Corner

Northwest MO
Faith Voices Columbia
Boone County

Mid-MO
Audrain, Miller, Osage, Randolph

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Faith Voices Kansas City

St. Charles Warren County

Faith Voices Jefferson City
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Faith Voices Southeast MO