

Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice

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Dear Friend of Affordable Housing:

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You are invited and urged to come to Breakfast to launch:

R.A.A.H - RELIGIOUS ACTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

At First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue, in the Curtis Room

The purpose of the breakfast event is to gather clergy and congregation members who are interested in supporting a significant increase in affordable housing. There will be a presentation of the urgent need for a much greater supply of housing at low cost, a brief review of what has been done, and a preview of what could be done.

There will be a visual presentation, interactive small groups, and more information about possible solutions. Your ideas on what would be useful to congregations will be formally solicited. There will be opportunity for participation in working groups, including but not necessarily limited to:

- Visioning for affordable housing
- Design for congregational education
- Collaboration with existing non-profit groups
- Research and data gathering on new possibilities
- Creating a new video on the need for affordable housing
- Preliminary thinking about a possible housing fund campaign.

The goal is to launch a movement to enable the local religious community to become a much more substantial partner with others in responding to the urgent need for a significant increase in affordable housing.

We ask you to come, to bring several members from your congregation, and to share your ideas and perspective on how to engage the religious community more fully. The religious community has already supported a number of efforts over the past decade and a half to work for affordable housing. It is our hope that we can pool our experience and step up to an even more significant level of productivity.

Breakfast will be served family style and the menu will include juice, fresh fruit, fresh bread and muffins, yogurt, coffee, tea, milk. There is no charge for the breakfast. A voluntary offering will be received. Music and singing will be led by Laz Slomovits of *Gemini*.

There is easy parking at First Presbyterian Church. The side entrance to the church is a convenient way to enter. Go up to the second level to find the Curtis Room.

To help us plan for the breakfast, please call the Interfaith Council office, at 663-1870 by **Tuesday, October 19**. Thank you!

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