

Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church
Leadership Summit Action Items Summary
September 23, 2017

Internal Education

- Adopt the philosophy that “those who receive can also give” (abundance <---> grace)
- Educate about water and give specific tasks
- Educate about resources and opportunities to meet the needs
- Confront internal road blocks to connecting with neighbors with whom we differ
- Become aware and educate members about food and water issues in the community
- Determine the course of action and move toward resolution of at least one issue
- Survey water quality in our communities (id issues)
- Research local water quality issues
- Find out where the mobile parks are in your area
- What are the food and water needs in the community that our church serves?
- Listen to and learn from the cries of the community

External education

- Have trained help at local food pantries to help fill out forms
- Provide a variety of resources to build awareness and compassion to motivate action
- Develop a tool kit for outreach techniques
- District Development Committee (engineer, attorney, planner, philanthropist)
- Raise awareness of food and water issues through consistent and ongoing educational events (windshield tours, video presentations, zoom conferencing, etc.) with expectation of discernment and action
- Publicize resources in local media
- Challenge churches to reach out to mobile home parks
- Develop relationships with community partners to build a collaboration to complete community specific goals around food and water security
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Relationship building with legislators

- Develop relationships with community officials for advocacy around food and water needs
- Work with advocacy groups, such as Together Colorado, to identify legislative action on food and water
- Communicate pending legislation and resources to discover information about the cause and impact of legislation relevant to state and local water and/or food issues.

Other

- Get a filter system (5 gal. buckets that drain into another bucket) for clean water. The same system that we ship to Haiti and other countries.