



# Good Faith Communities Coalition

Taking action on homelessness and affordable housing with and for the poor in the District of Columbia

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## Are you one of the hundred people with an opinion?

The Good Faith Board regularly asks the **following questions** as we participate in advocacy deliberations and actions to bring the voice of people in faith communities to the table on behalf of DC's poor and marginalized:

- in your view are Good Faith's **actions** in supporting the poor and marginalized in DC on target and making a **meaningful difference**?
- does Good Faith's communication through the newsletter and website increase your **knowledge of the issues and commitment to action** as a member of the faith community?
- **what else might Good Faith do** to increase individual commitment to action as well as action within the faith community?

Survey analysts would say that given the number of people who receive the Good Faith newsletter monthly (close to 700), only 50 people are likely to respond to the questions posed above. **We need at least [100 responses](#) to help us make a decision going forward. Be one of the 100 - by May 25, 2018. [email now!](#)**

## Council passes DC Budget for FY2019 on first vote

**DC Fiscal Policy Institute** analyzed the DC Budget after the first vote:

"DC's economy is booming, but that **prosperity has not been widely shared**. Our needs are growing with our economy, as housing costs rise, transportation systems are overloaded, and public school enrollment grows. Meanwhile, last year's federal tax cut is increasing **income inequality in the District**. Thanks to the new law, DC's wealthiest tax filers - those making more than \$500,000 a year - are going to reap a \$254 million tax windfall this year, while DC's businesses will see an additional \$460 million tax cut....



The Council was able to find an **additional \$15.6 million for housing and homeless services** above what the Mayor proposed. This is critically important, but does not come close to meeting the full need in a city where **27,000 extremely low income residents - those with incomes below 30% of the area median, or \$33,000 for a family of four - face severe rent burden,**" [Read More.](#)

**Good Faith Board of Directors (2018):** Rev. John Graham, President; Rev. James E. Terrell, Rabbi Gerry Serrota, William Kelley SJ, John Hisle, Ann Friedman.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten - Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.



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