Volunteer Position Description

Title  Valley Interfaith Project (VIP) Level 3 Core Team Member

Importance of the position to the Franciscan Renewal Center

VIP is a broad based, non-partisan organization of institutions committed to building power for sustainable social and economic change at the state and local levels. As a founding member of the Valley Interfaith Project, the Casa is integral to this valley-wide organization. Participation by Casa members furthers our social justice imperative to engage in creating a just society.

Responsible to  Strategy Team Leader

Definition of Duties

• Participate in regular monthly meetings and Casa based training activities
• Identify leadership in others using one-on-one techniques
• Participate in and help plan activities according to the Cycle of Organizing including House Meetings, Research and Power Analyses, Civic Academies and Public Actions
• Commit to participate in one regional issue-based Action Team or take leadership role in an election year public action such as Candidate Forum or Ballot Initiative Forum
• Help organize and participate in event turnout, which will include staffing tables at masses for sign-ups
• Participate in regional activities including: training retreats, issue based action teams, research actions and large public actions
• Participate in visits to the Arizona Legislature during its business day sessions
• Participate in meetings with elected officials within the district area of the Casa
• Keep informed on political status of issues relevant to the ministry

Length of Commitment  1 year, renewable

Time Required  5 – 8 hours per month and 1 day at legislature per annual session

Qualifications

• Interest in the process of effecting structural societal change
• Willingness to take on tasks and develop leadership abilities
• Commitment to developing effective public persona including ability to interact with public officials
• Willingness to meet people to continue to facilitate relationship building
• Commitment to growing and developing this ministry within the context of the overall outreach and justice ministries at the Franciscan Renewal Center
• Safe Environment certified
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Training Provided

• Casa-based trainings on the Cycle of Organizing
• Regional workshops include 2 – 3 sessions involving an evening and a Saturday
• Participate in regional and/or national training from Industrial Areas Foundation to include 3 to 8 day workshops (tuition may be required)
• Continuing education based on readings from VIP
• Safe Environment training
• Casa Volunteer Welcome – what it means to be a Casa volunteer

Evaluation

Annually by Strategy Team