

20/30 Leadership Team Meeting of 2011, A Summary

In mid-February, the 2011 leadership team of CTA 20/30 met in Chicago for a weekend of planning, visioning, prayer and training. In preparation for the weekend, the team solicited information from the 20/30 membership to help focus our priorities and gain insight into the current needs of our community and organization. The team reviewed the survey results and found many common themes from the responses, including the desire for building community in local areas, creating space for more relationship-building at conference, and being attentive to issues that especially affect LGBT people, women, and people of color. There is also acknowledgement that the 20/30 community spans two decades of life for our members where needs and interests change and grow. We especially acknowledge the growing needs of our membership who are single, in committed partnerships or marriages, and those with children. The team also discussed the dual needs of CTA 20/30 to be both a welcoming and inclusive place for those who struggle with the institutional Catholic Church as well as a place for organizing and action to challenge those injustices in our Church and world.

Honoring the organization's new Mission Statement of "Call To Action educates, inspires and activates Catholics to act for justice and build inclusive communities through a lens of anti-racism and anti-oppression principles," the 20/30 leadership team went through an anti-racism training creating a goal for ourselves to establish an anti-racist and anti-oppression framework with which to measure all goals and activities of CTA 20/30.

To conclude the weekend, the leadership team shared Mass with the local 20/30 community. This inspired the leadership team to consciously work towards better liturgy and prayer opportunities for CTA 20/30 at the national conference, summer leadership summit, and other events for CTA 20/30.

Though many issues and needs are present in CTA 20/30, the leadership team consciously chose to narrow its focus for the coming year establishing priorities and working committees to accomplish our goals. We need the help of all members of CTA 20/30 to continue the work of Call to Action and build our community and the Church justice movement. The leadership team requests that you prayerfully discern your gifts and ability to volunteer with one of the committees for the year or for a single project. Since the leadership team and 20/30 community spans the U.S. and the world, most of our work is done via email and on conference calls.

1. Conference Outreach

Specifically focuses on connecting with young adults to attend the national Call To Action Conference in November. Compiles contact information and engages in dialogue with potential first time attendees at conference. Helps them with registration, scholarship information, free housing information, and general information about the Conference. Plans to focus specifically on reaching out to college/graduate students and service programs, especially in the host city of the conference.

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2. Conference Programming Committee

Works throughout the year to put together programming for the CTA 20/30 community at the CTA National conference in November. This committee also looks for input as to what young adults would like to see/experience at conference to make it a more welcoming and relevant experience.

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3. Marketing Committee

Working for greater name recognition of CTA 20/30 and reaching more young adults to grow the 20/30 community. Includes advertising and marketing projects such as websites, blog, brochures, social networking, welcome packets, and creating/distributing other information to the public and to the larger CTA community.

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4. Leadership Summit Committee

Planning and implementing the first 20/30 summer training weekend for CTA 20/30 members who are interested in organizing strategies and action on behalf of the church justice movement. Works to get the 20/30 community better involved in the progressive Catholic church justice movement and other justice work.

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5. Grassroots / Local Community Building

Organizing and establishing CTA 20/30 contacts in local communities throughout the U.S. with the hope of creating resources for networking, community building, faith sharing and actions on a local level.

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If you have any questions, comments or ideas for the CTA 20/30 team, please contact the 2011 Leadership Team Chair, Becky Schwantes-An, at Becky.Schwantes@gmail.com.