

**“Living an Economics of Compassion”
INTEREST RESPONSE FORM**

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Congregation/Org.: _____

Yes, I am interested in:

- Hearing about more Economics of Compassion sessions
- Joining an Economics of Compassion email list to stay connected with these local efforts
- Being contacted to explore my congregations / organization hosting an Econ. of Compassion dialogue
- Representing my congregation/organization as part of the local Economics of Compassion Task Force
- Getting a local collaborative organization/initiative more connected to this Economics of Compassion effort

Evaluation Feedback is helpful to these continuing efforts!

- What was most helpful about this session?
- What would you see helpful as part of the Oct. 21 session?
- An idea I have for the local Econ. of Compassion movement...

(Please tear off this half-page and turn in at end of program)

**“Living an Economics of Compassion”
Monday, September 16, 2013 – Agenda**

Welcome (*Fr. Dan Hartnett, Pastor – Bellarmine Chapel*)

Introduction (*Steve Young, Bellarmine Chapel planning group*)

Reflection and Bread-Sharing (*Jeff Campbell, Bellarmine Chapel*)

Hopes for the Evening: Introduction of Walter/Peter (*Steve Young*)

First Half: Walter's and Peter's Reflections

Notes...

Break: Fellowship and Refreshments

Second Half: Walter's and Peter's Reflections

Notes...

Looking ahead to Oct. 21 Session – same time and place!

- Personal commitment to actions and explorations toward a local economics of compassion and collaboration
- Oct. 21 session to include everyone sharing experiences of trying to live out a local economics of compassion
- Encouragement to invite 1-2 people to Oct. 21 session

Interest Response – Individuals/Congregations (*Complete the back page if interested in Econ. of Compassion task force or movement*)

Campaign for Beloved Community Announcement: AMOS Project and Ohio Prophetic Voices (*Rev. Nelson Pierce, AMOS Project*)

Adjourn

Thank you for coming – we hope to see you Oct. 21!

**ABOUT THE ECONOMICS OF COMPASSION
SESSIONS AND MOVEMENT**

Follow-up session on October 21!

“Living the Biblical Alternative Economic Vision as a Local

Movement: How Can We Build and Sustain a Locally Lived Economics that Works for All?”

Monday, October 21, 2013 – 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Schiff Conference Center – James & Caroline Duff Banquet Room
Cintas Center at Xavier University (1624 Herald Ave., Cinti. 45207)

Free and open to the public – Off-street parking at Cintas Center

Pre-registration helpful, but not required, to:

Jeff Campbell, Bellarmine Chapel at campbellj5@xavier.edu.

Co-sponsored by: Bellarmine Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral
and other groups dedicated to creating a just society

GR. CINCINNATI AREA ECONOMICS OF COMPASSION TASK FORCE

In January 2013, over 250 local residents gathered at Christ Church Cathedral with Walter Brueggemann and Peter Block for a potluck meal and dialogue about the biblical vision for a local economics of compassion.

From that session, an Economics of Compassion **TASK FORCE** formed among several congregations and organizations to sustain and broaden this dialogue throughout our community and region.

Some current ideas to build up a local economics of compassion and collaboration **MOVEMENT** include: engaging more congregations and community groups to host such dialogues with Walter and Peter; creating a Cincinnati economics of compassion website and email list to promote and link local people, congregations and collaborative efforts.

Consider staying in contact by completing the interest form!

Bread Sharing Service and Personal Reflection

Experiencing hope... from Hebrew Scripture (Isaiah 58: 6-8, 11b-12)

“Is this not the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke? Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.... You shall be like a watered garden, a flowing spring whose waters never fail. You shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; ‘Repairer of the breach,’ they shall call you, ‘Restorer of ruined dwellings.’”

***What is a hope you have for this evening and this process?**

Experiencing fellowship... from Christian Scripture (Mt 14:13-21)

“When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved for them. The disciples approached him and said, ‘This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds to go to the villages and buy food for themselves.’ [Jesus] said, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.’ But they replied, ‘Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.’ He said, ‘Bring them here to me,’ and he asked the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over—twelve baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, [in addition to the] women and children.”

***What role can inclusive fellowship play in our lives and economy?**

Experiencing generosity... from Qu’ran (Verse 55:9)

“But those who entered the city and the faith before them love those who flee unto them for refuge, and find in their breasts no need for that which has been given to them, but prefer (the refugees) above themselves though poverty become their lot. And whoever is saved from their own avarice—such are they who are successful.”

***Who has shown generosity lately toward me? How have I felt called recently to greater generosity with my life and abilities?**

Share the basket of bread in your circle; then introduce yourselves.