

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR ALL ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS

# 2021 Annual Report



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# A Letter from the President



I want to thank all the organizers and leaders for their dedication and work with Faith Coalition for the Common Good. I know with COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021, we have had some challenging times. Because of you and your support we continue to do the important work of fighting for justice and equity.

As many of you know, I strongly believe that a strong Democracy requires participation. I personally want to thank everyone who has supported our mission through donations and your service on the various issue taskforces.

Let's continue to move forward by organizing people and money; creating the power to make effective and positive changes in the lives of ordinary citizens.

God Bless,  
Roy Williams



# Vision and Mission

## Vision

**Racial and economic equity for all across Central Illinois**

## Mission

**We are a coalition of faith communities, community organizations and individuals working collaboratively for racial equity, civic engagement, a fair economy and participatory decision-making.**



# Members

**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**AFSCME IL Council 31**  
**AFSCME Retiree Subchapter 86**  
**Ambassadors for Christ Ministries**  
**Boys and Girls Club**  
**Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Central Baptist Church**  
**Church Women United**  
**Dominican Sisters of Springfield**  
**Douglas Ave. Methodist Church**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Garvey-Tubman Center**  
**Hospital Sisters of St. Francis**  
**Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies**  
**IL Federation of Public Employees Local 4408/IFT/AFT/AFL-CIO**  
**Islamic Society of Greater Springfield**  
**Memorial Health Systems**

**Ministerial Alliance of Springfield and Vicinity**  
**Monroe Street Christian Church**  
**Operating Engineers Local 965**  
**Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 18**  
**Options Outreach Ministries**  
**Painters Local 90**  
**Pure Haven Family Resource Center**  
**SEIU Healthcare**  
**Springfield and Central IL Trades and Labor Council**  
**St. John's Hospital**  
**St. Patrick's School**  
**United Media Guild**  
**US Congo Development**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Word and Spirit Community**

**Associate Member**  
**Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault**





# Thank you to our 2021 Monthly Sustainers!

**John Allen**

**Teresa and Leahy Bennett**

**Misty Buscher**

**Nancy Collins**

**Victoria Compton**

**Ryan Croke**

**Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat**

**Tony Del Giorno**

**Jim Dixon**

**Janis Droegkamp**

**Susan Eby**

**Jessica Handy**

**Nancy Harlow**

**Kathryn Harris**

**Nia Odeoti Hassan**

**Rev. Silas Johnson**

**Maria Keldermans**

**Larry Luster**

**Leslie Kilgannon**

**Vanessa Knox**

**Betsy Londrigan**

**Maurine Magliocco**

**Rebecca Martin**

**Margaret McHarry**

**Annabella Mellado**

**Vickie Moseley**

**Lakeisha Purchase**

**Sara Ratcliffe**

**Dianne Roberts**

**Cathy Schwartz**

**John Schwartz**

**Lorna Simon**

**Elizabeth Simpson**

**Ted Schueter**

**Jan VonQualen**

**Kenley Wade**

**Joanne Webb-Gauvin**

**Roy Williams, Jr.**

**Caroline Wooten**

**Rev. Martin Woulfe**





# Thank you to everyone who invested in FCCG this year!



**Faith Coalition is proud of the work we have done to organize people, build power and take action in our community. We are able to continue our work through investments and donations made by our supporters and monthly sustainers. Faith Coalition would not be able to operate without you.**

**Thank you.**





# 2021 Award Winners

**Pastor Rev. Dr. Gene Moore**  
*President's Award*



**Vanessa Nelson-Knox**  
*Leroy Jordan Trailblazer Award*





# Accomplishments

- Passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)
- Passage of the Pretrial Fairness Act
- "Immigrants are as American as Apple Pie - and Rice and Beans" action
- Held COVID vaccination pop up clinics and directed access toward resources
- Formed the new Environmental Justice Task Force
- Organizers and leaders had more than 30 meetings with decision makers
- 10 FCCG leaders attended Gamaliel National Weeklong Leadership Training
- 11 FCCG leaders attended Gamaliel Ntosake Women's Leadership Training
- Over 100 leaders trained locally on power, effective meetings, one-to-ones, and self interest
- Organized to successfully ban the purchasing of a military vehicle for the city of Springfield
- Leaders and organizers participated in 2 door-to-door canvassing campaigns in Decatur and Springfield
- Hosted a voter registration drive at the Decatur Public Library and provided more than 200 voter guide pamphlets to eligible voters at MacArthur High School in Decatur for National Voter Registration Day
- Hosted voter registration drives at the Harvest Festival in Springfield and at Springfield Public High Schools - District 183





# Virtual Events & Actions

- Hosted 8 virtual town halls and candidate forums
  - Candidate forum for District 186 School Board
    - 4.3k views
  - Virtual town hall for "A Just Transition for BIPOC Communities"
    - 271 views
  - Virtual Environmental Justice Lobby Day
    - More than 800 participants
  - Virtual town hall "Powering Up to Clean Energy Vehicles"
    - 115 views
  - Virtual town hall "Calling on Senator Duckworth to Build Back Better"
    - 131 views
  - Virtual town hall "Returning Citizens - Clean Energy Jobs"
    - 1,602 views
  - Virtual hall "Pillars of Pre-trial Fairness"
    - 101 views
  - Virtual town hall "PFAS in Decatur with Representative Sue Scherer"
    - 124 views





# Task Forces

## Education for All

The Education for All Task Force has provided testimony to the Illinois State Board of Education for increased funding for Springfield Public Schools - District 186. The Task Force has spent the year growing and networking in the community. Currently, the task force has an objective to include more parents on the committee as well as retired and active teachers.

The Education for All Task Force has begun collaborating with the administration at the District 186 office. Our recent efforts are focused on the teacher shortages in Illinois with the District's "Grow Your Own" committee. Additionally, the Task Force is working on higher education funding with *Advance Illinois* to increase college education access for students in the state.





# Task Forces

## Environmental Justice

The Task Force has been a key instrument in the passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA). We were a prominent partner in organizing an action at the Illinois State Fair and even had Governor Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton speak on the importance of CEJA. Currently, the task force has moved towards ensuring CEJA is implemented in the state of Illinois. The Task Force held a town hall to address the equitable portion of CEJA and answered the question; what does clean energy jobs mean for returning citizens?

The task force has also become a prominent component in the state wide push to ban the incineration of PFAS also known as 'forever chemicals.' We held a town hall in December to discuss the PFAS incineration ban with Representative Sue Scherer.

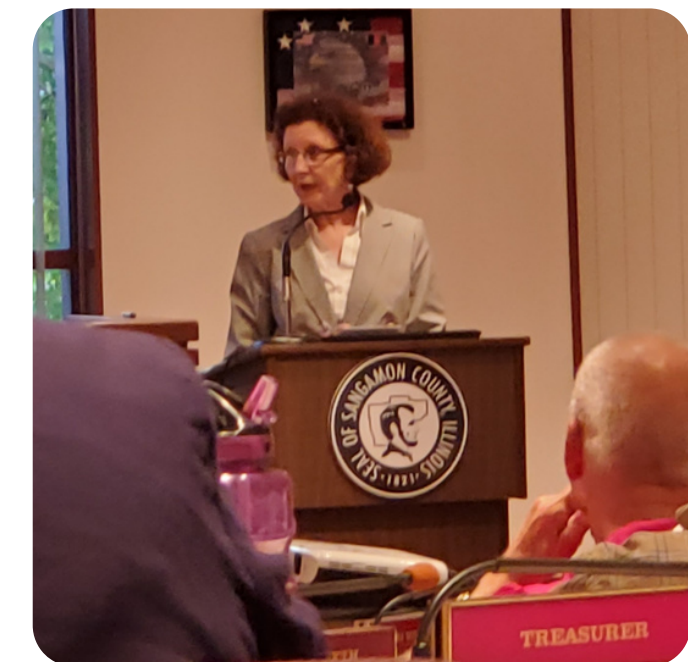




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## Transformational Justice

Earlier this year, the Transformational Justice Task Force successfully campaigned against military grade equipment for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department. We also spoke at the Sangamon County board, met with the Sheriff, State's Attorney and Sangamon County Jail committee regarding jail conditions, and the use of tasers and segregation. The Task Force is also in the process of planning and assisting with the opening of "Victory," the first all women's transitional recovery home in Springfield. Additionally, the Task Force has been a part of planning and organizing town halls centered around the restoration of voting rights to people with conviction histories. Some of our ongoing work pivots towards the PreTrial Fairness Act and its implementation. This is done through informational town halls and trainings. In the near future, the Task Force is partnering with Berkley School of Law to study and assess juvenile fees and fines.

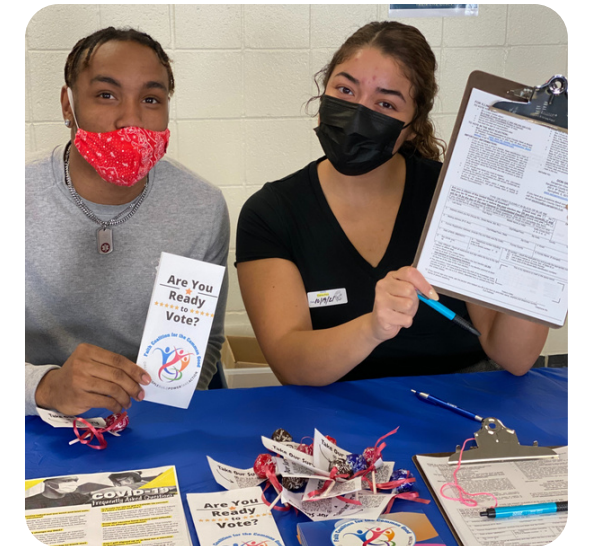




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## Integrated Voter Engagement

The Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) Task Force has engaged with the Springfield and Decatur community to register voters and get citizens excited about the electoral process. On National Voter Registration Day, the Task Force hosted registration tables at Decatur Public Library and the University of Illinois Springfield. Recently, the Task Force held registration tables at Springfield, Southeast and Lanphier High Schools to register eligible students. The Task Force also supplied MacArthur High School, located in Decatur, with 200 pamphlets that walks students through the registration process and gives them additional voting resources. Furthermore, the Task force has performed 2 voter registration canvassing campaigns in Springfield and Decatur.

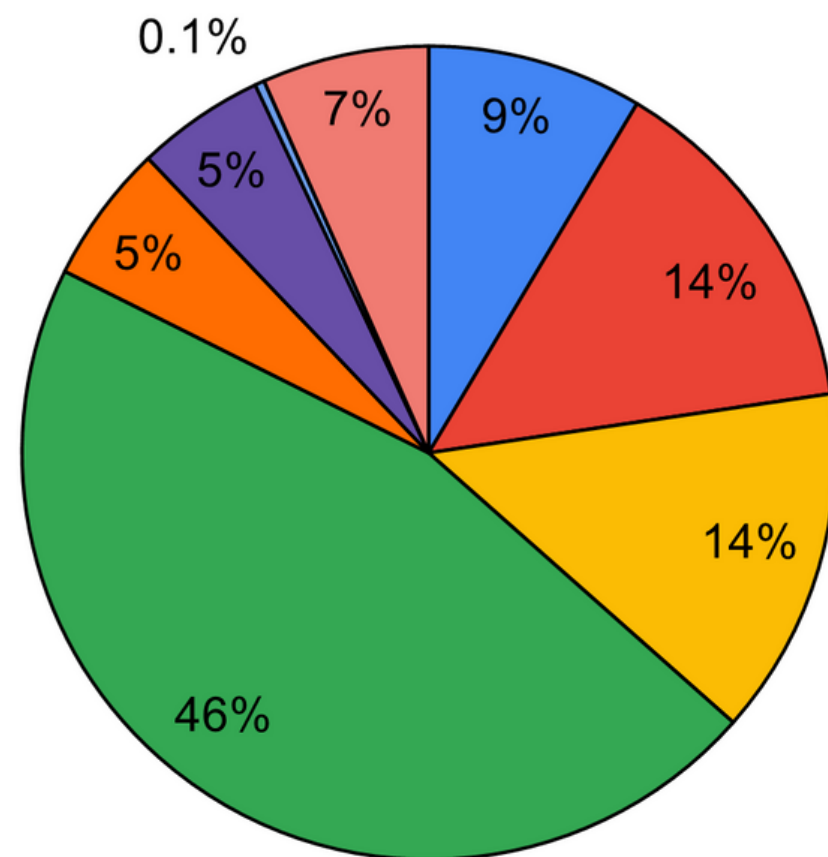




# 2021 Financial Report

## INCOME

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- Fundraising Events
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Corporations
- Foundations
- Individual Donors
- Membership Dues
- In-Kind Donations
- Miscellaneous

Fundraising Events	\$18,207.50
Non-Profit Organizations	\$30,000.00
Corporations	\$29,451.14
Foundations	\$97,454.00
Individual Donors	\$11,730.00
Membership Dues	\$10,850.00
In-Kind Donations	\$810.00
Miscellaneous	\$14,102.25
Total	\$212,604.89

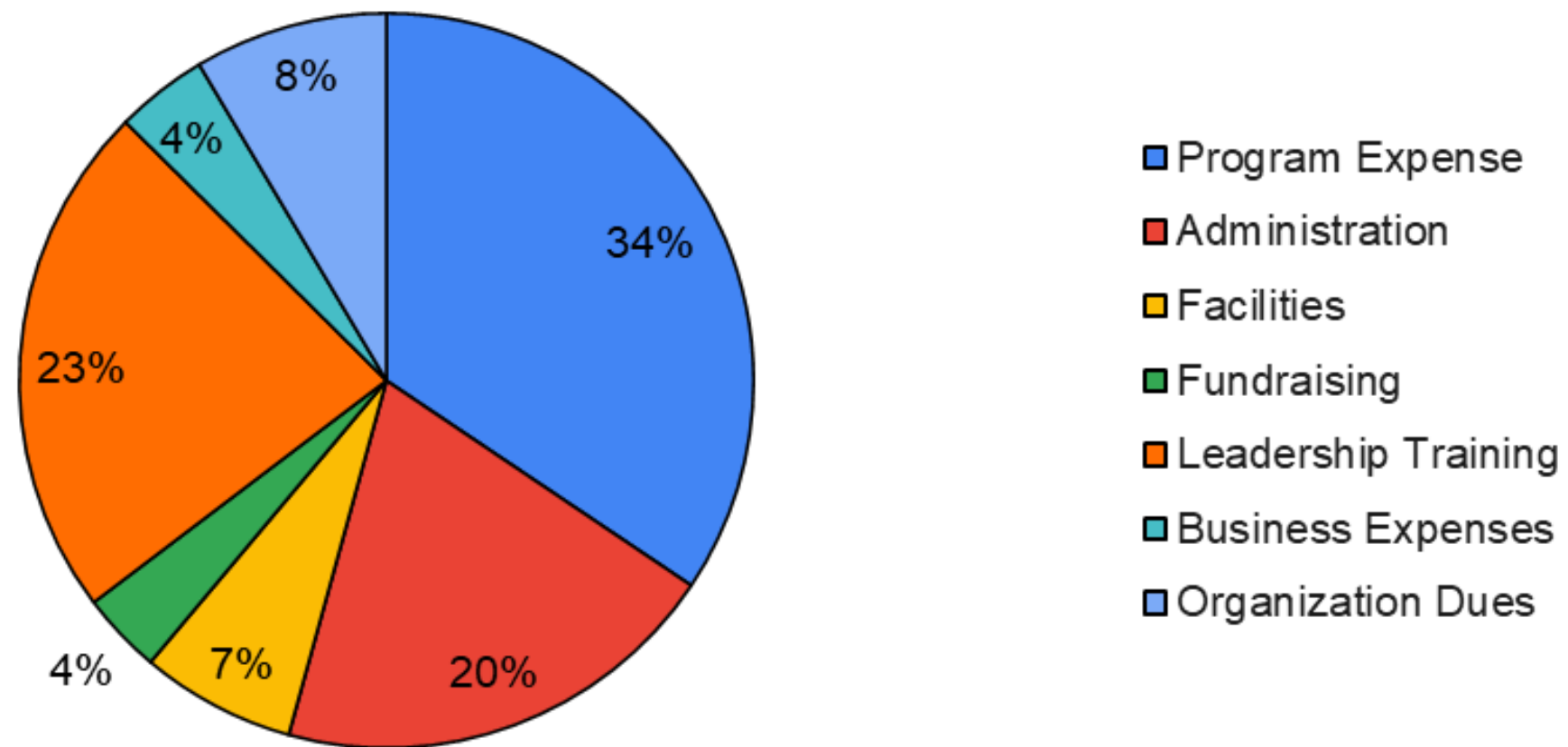




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## Expenses

### EXPENSES



Program Expense	\$60,575.00
Administration	\$35,000.00
Facilities	\$12,000.00
Fundraising	\$6,300.00
Leadership Training	\$40,000.00
Business Expenses	\$7,155.00
Operations	\$5,700.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Total	\$181,730.00



# Get Involved!

- Stay in touch – sign up for our mailing list
- Follow us – on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Attend – leadership trainings
- Contact – our office
- Explore – membership opportunities
- Invest in – Faith Coalition!



**The Faith Coalition is only as effective as its  
BASE - the growing group of grassroots leaders  
that translate our shared values into action.**





# Stay in Touch!

Sign up for the FCCG mailing list by visiting our website

Scan the Qr code or visit

<https://faithcoalition-il.org/news-events/faith-coalition-email-list-sign-up.html>





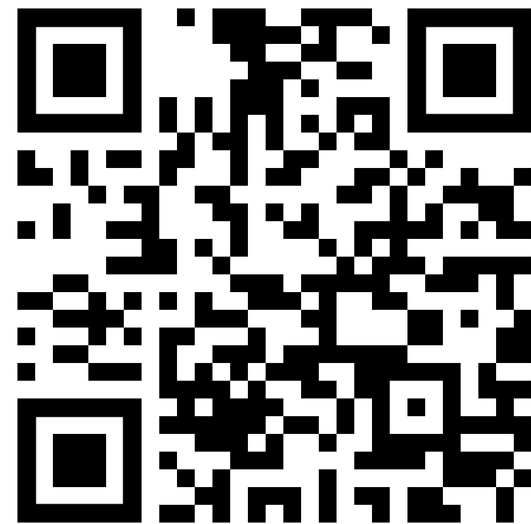
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## Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Scan the Qr codes or find us using tags below



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@faithcoalition





# Attend trainings!

Attend FCCG and Gamaliel National Leadership trainings!



<https://gamaliel.org/>



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**Reach out to our office for more more ways to get involved!**





# Explore Membership!

Sign up to become an FCCG member today!



<https://faithcoalition-il.org/get-involved/individual-or-family-membership.html>





# Invest!

Make an investment in FCCG so that we may continue our work toward racial and economic equity in 2022!



<https://faithcoalition-il.org/get-involved/donate.html>

