

The Interfaith Committee on Intimate Partner Violence

Minutes for November 28, 2023

I. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bernita Walker. Present were Co-chair Varsha N. (call-in), Co-Chair Cecelia Walker, Constance E. Bass, Cynthia Hernandez, Takiyah McCullar, Griselda Marquez

II. Attendees were invited to share their Title, organization affiliation, and share their favorite fall beverage.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS: Bernita Walker, Constance Bass, and Cecelia Walker each shared the role Christian Faith played in Intimate Partner Relationships from their unique experience, specifically in regards to the response from their faith leaders, their church communities, and the impact on sense of self-identity for both the abusive as well as the victimized person in the relationship. A shared perspective was that deeply held religious beliefs can be used as a tool to exert abuse in a committed relationship but can also be an important source of healing and empowerment for the survivor.

IV. Matters not posted on the agenda to be presented, and placed on future agenda: None

V. Public Comments: none

VI. Next meeting is **January 23, 2023**. Reminder: There is no meeting in December.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm