EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: Faith Leader & Faith Volunteer Engagement
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce ★ 101 S 3rd St ★ Waco, TX 76701

EVENT DATE AND TIME: July 19, 2018 | 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
HOST: United Way of Waco-McLennan County

Staff Lead: [Redacted]
Commissioner Lead: Allard
Commissioner Co-Lead: Khazei

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
Texas has long been a leader in reducing the obstacles that faith-based and community groups face when seeking to collaborate with each other and with state and federal government to better serve our communities. Waco has over 20 religious organizations and is home to Baylor University, a private Baptist university. The meeting is being co-convened by The United Way of Waco-McLennan County. For nearly 90 years, the United Way of Waco-McLennan County has focused on strengthening the community and creating opportunity for every resident through inspired and informed philanthropy and partnerships to address our greatest challenges. As part of their new strategic plan, they are working to convene religious organizations in support of their work. The United Way plans to leverage the Commission’s visit and roundtable discussion to kickstart their effort.

The purpose of this meeting is:
➢ To better understand the relationship between faith communities and service
➢ To learn about the opportunities and challenges of public-private partnerships

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be local faith leaders from small community religious organizations in Bosque County.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script for meetings.

General Questions

[Questions are not visible in the provided text]
Any other question as it relates to the scope of the Commission’s work:

- Is a military draft or draft contingency still a necessary component of U.S. national security?
- Are modifications to the selective service system needed?
- How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to address the national security and other public service needs of the nation?
- What are the barriers to participation in military, national, or public service?
- Does service have inherent value, and, if so, what is it?
- Is a mandatory service requirement for all Americans necessary, valuable, and feasible?
- How does the United States increase the propensity for Americans, particularly young Americans, to serve?