

Workbook

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**Justice
Summit
2022**



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Justice Summit Schedule

Friday, November 4th

6:30pm	Registration Opens
7:00 – 8:30	Plenary Session 1
8:30 – 9:00	Dessert Break
9:00pm	Release

Saturday, November 5th

8:30am	Doors Open (pick up Workshop tickets)
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Rally
9:30 – 10:30	Workshop 1
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00pm	Lunch
1:00 – 3:15	Panel Discussion + Ideas Lab
3:15 – 3:40	Snack Break
3:40 – 5:00	Plenary Session 2
5:00pm	Release

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The Passions Audit

Psalm 13 (AMP)

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- 1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- 4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- 5 But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

Wisdom

As you consider the opportunities, what words of challenge or encouragement have you received from God and others?

Opportunities

In your current context, where, how, and with whom do you have opportunity to give expression to God's deepest longings for the world? (*Shalom, wholeness, rightness, just relationships, just systems*)

Who might God be inviting you to be in solidarity with?

In what ways specifically? How? Where?

"The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet" — Frederick Buechner

Passions

What has your attention right now? What energizes or excites you? What person or group of people do you feel a particular passion for?

Discontents

As you think about your community, neighbourhood, city, province, nation, or world, what injustice most saddens you? Grieves you? Angers you?

Needs

Where do you see needs that intersect with your passion and discontent? What are the needs that cause you to feel deeply?

Ideas Lab Notes

Section 1: *From Passion to Opportunity*

Consider your Discernment work from Friday evening, taking into consideration everything you've heard.

Reflect: Consider your Discernment work from Friday evening. Ask God to help you summarize or 'name' one or two opportunities that He is highlighting to you from this work. (One example might be: *Responding to homelessness in my neighbourhood through a housing initiative, championing an anti-black-racism group in my church*)

- 1.
- 2.

Discuss and Pray:

1. Share these opportunities with your church team or table. Once everyone has shared, notice what resonates with the group. Encourage and affirm one another by engaging the 'wisdom' space from Friday.
2. Pray: Take a few minutes to pray as a team, table, or smaller group. Offer these opportunities to God and ask Him to begin to highlight to your team one or two specific areas to focus on.

Focus: Decide as a team how you will proceed for the rest of this Lab. Will your church team work with one idea? Will you divide into subgroups and develop 2-3 of your strongest ideas? Will you continue on individually?

Section 2: *From Service to Solidarity*

Reflect: As you consider the opportunity the Spirit is highlighting to you, let's begin by checking our motivations, assumptions, and the structural issues at play. This groundwork will help frame yours and your church's 'holy action.'

1. **Bringing awareness to patterns of dehumanization** (Personal Journal Response)

Personal Journal: Considering the opportunity I (we) have identified, in what areas might I be continuing to dehumanize the people or group at hand? Ask: Holy Spirit, how can I begin to see the people or group at hand as your *imago dei*, Image of God, as an equal to myself?

2. **Bringing awareness to structural injustice**

Considering the opportunity that I (we) have identified:

- a. List the individuals and groups in the system that have oppressed, created injustice, and inequality.
- b. Identify the systemic forces and assumptions that are at play.

Individuals/ Groups that have caused injustice:	Ongoing systemic forces at play:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

3. Where am I, and where is our church, an ongoing part of the problem? [Where do I allow injustice to persist in my workplace, community, and/or family? Where is injustice present in our church?]

4. **Discuss and Pray:** Discuss these observations with your team. Then take space space to pray; repent for where you and your church have been and continue to be part of the problem. Ask God to clarify a new path forward. Ask for His power to guide you. Take space to listen for words, whisperings, Scripture, etc. that He may be speaking to you, your team, table, or small group.

Section 3: *Cultivating a Response*

1. **Brainstorm:** There are multiple ways to solve a problem, and ranges of approaches to respond to injustice. As you consider the opportunity at hand, perhaps the specific area of injustice that you feel burdened with, consider these questions: *What are some possibilities, ideas, initiatives, or action steps we could take that would make a difference? What could we do that might bring about positive change? [Connect your needs & opportunities work but begin to clarify and get more specific.]*

2. Summarize into a clear “big picture” statement: What do you plan to do?

3. Consider: what would be the wins of this approach (i.e., in what areas might this approach address injustice)? What might be the shortcomings (i.e., in what ways might this approach perpetuate injustice, oppression, and/or existing power dynamics)?

Wins	Shortcomings
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

4. As you consider the opportunity at hand, ask: What is it that I bring to this response? List your strengths and weaknesses.

5. What is it that our church brings? List your church's strengths and weaknesses as it pertains to this.

6. What pre-existing connections, resources, and people do we have in our church network that could play a part in making this idea a reality?

7. Is this already in line with my church's vision, mission, and budget priorities? In what ways specifically?

8. Who are the stakeholders involved at a macro and micro level? (e.g., church leadership, local government, etc.)

9. Pause and seek feedback:

10. What do we need to change, expand, and rethink based on the feedback we received?

More Resources:

- ◆ *Neighbourhood Assessment Workbook* (available at cbacyf.ca)
- ◆ *Five Conversions from Service to Solidarity* (from the Centre for Action and Contemplation, available at cac.org/daily-meditations/the-five-conversions-2020-05-25)

Post-Event Resource

1. Coming away from the event, what specific justice issue are most compelling to your team?
 - a. What has you most excited?

 - b. What can you see most clearly in your local context?

 - c. What does your team feel God is collectively inviting you into?

2. Consider your pre-event work, discernment work, and “Ideas Lab” work. What needs / issues do you now feel most equipped to respond to? Does this match your enthusiasm? Your resources? Your existing church culture?

3. What follow up resources will help us move from dream to reality?
[Recommended CBAC resources: Mission Edge, Neighbourhood Assessment Workbook, UnStuck, Launch Course]

4. What are your 3 priorities in the next 90 days?

a.

b.

c.

5. What are your 3 priorities in the next 90 days?

a.

b.

c.

6. What are your top 3 goals in the next 12 months?

a.

b.

c.



