***Reverend Tillis Chapman Presentation***

***Thursday, July 2nd at 7:00 pm***

1. Welcome & Moment of Prayer: Rosemary Insley
2. Housekeeping Notes: Bill O’Brien
3. Words of Welcome/Background: Ro Schultz, Kathy Faba, Kathleen Rogers, Father Stan Ulman (St. Mary of the Hills), Father Chuck Kosanke (Most Holy Trinity/St. Anne’s)
4. Reverend Chapman’s Remarks:
   1. Hoping to become social justice allies for ***everyone***
   2. Organized interfaith coalition across Michigan for purpose of drafting proposals for Michigan legislature, governor, AG relative to social justice and equal treatment for all
   3. Immigration is a social justice issue
   4. Objective: move from protest to policy
   5. George Floyd’s death woke America up to police misconduct and injustice
   6. All police are not bad, but technology has caught up with rogue cops
   7. Gratitude for people of all backgrounds rallying for this cause
   8. Protest is good, but without transformation of policy, it’s not truly meaningful
   9. Michigan legislature is controlled by Republican party, which is pushing a specific agenda that is carrying over from the national level
   10. Coalition calling for following policy measures:
       1. Police residency (police need to live in the communities that they work in to build meaningful relationships with community; keep tax money inside cities)
       2. Decertification of police who have been found guilty of misconduct (we see this in other professions)
       3. Review board (peopled by citizens) with subpoena power
       4. No firing on fleeing suspect or into cars
       5. Governor Whitmer’s police reform plan rolled out this week; no consequences outlined for police misconduct
       6. Reallocation of funds for police (review board, social services)
       7. Police should pay for damages if they lose cases (not taxpayers)
       8. Indemnification doesn’t happen
       9. Police who are found guilty of misconduct should lose benefits
       10. Special prosecutor for cases of police misconduct
   11. SNL needs can now be communicated through interfaith coalition, particularly in issues concerning meeting with police
   12. We can discuss immigration later
   13. Some of this will be handled through referendum, some with be handled by executive order
5. Q & A:
   1. Jim Dwyer (Cristo Rey): What are the best ways to divert funds going to police department? How to protect kids without police?
      1. Fight with unions over funding redirection (out of AG’s and governor’s control); we need to meet and discuss recommendations about security without policing; deputizing individuals, backed up with insurance
   2. Kathleen Rogers (Gesu): What support is interfaith coalition offering SNL members who go to speak with police?
      1. Will find pastoral representatives from community to accompany SNL members
   3. Ro Schultz (John and Paul): What do you think about having mental health professionals come out to help people instead of police?
      1. De-escalation; part of Whitmer’s executive order that is forthcoming
   4. Father Chuck Kosanke: His church’s role in mental health services and communication with families of parish school children
      1. Letters to representatives help-let them know that we demand their attention not just when they are running for office
   5. Sister Karen Donahue: What kind of action can we take in our parishes?
      1. After Monday’s interfaith coalition meeting, communication will be sent to us through Bill so we can tailor letters to representatives
   6. Kay Sulfaro: What kind of creative solutions can you mention for diverting funding?
      1. BLM has proposed youth training, interracial and interfaith training, educational component
   7. Father Kosanke: He’s pushing AOD to look at interfaith and interracial educational programs in Catholic schools; using gyms for community purposes (especially in summer)
   8. John Wahl (Detroit Lutheran Church): BLM started by three gay women; need to talk about these issues every single day; gay rights are part of social justice movement; need to change all social structures to fully take care of equality; How do we develop the grassroots piece?
      1. Conversations like this will help grassroots efforts; conversations must become action/policy; civil rights and social justice is for all people; we need to get out the vote for the right representatives and for referendum measures; interfaith coalition has asked Whitmer to consider pushing for statements, gestures, comments that are targeting a group or individual to be considered hate crimes
   9. Rich Faba: Please send us a written document so we can help you put this in action
   10. Bill O’Brien: What do you want pastors/congregations to do?
       1. Monday’s call is interfaith clergy; someone from SNL should represent organization
6. Closing Prayer: Rosemary Insley