- Fulton County InterFaith Network Collaborate for Healthy Weight
 - Wednesday, July 17th 2:45 PM
 - Atlanta Zen Soto Center | 1167 C/D Zonolite Place | Atlanta, GA 30306

• Introductions

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• Aim Statement Development

- o We must determine what the faith community wants
 - Could be designed as goals/objs
- o Possible Aim: Hold learning sessions with in Faith Communities

- Michael leading and different reps from each community create opportunity for congregation engagement
- *Possible Template and guide attached
- o Inspiration/Purpose Brainstorm
 - What do you think about when you think of our project/initiative?
 - Effect or establish policies for a healthier environment/congregation
 - Understanding
 - Sustainable change which could be PSE
 - Sustainable change in orientation and behavior
 - Paying it forward
 - Optimizing health
 - Creating a "we" around health; sense of belonging, connectivity
 - To help individuals in organization to draw on spiritual assets to improve health
 - Combining talents and resources
 - Interfaith collaborative and sharing
 - A diversified approach

| • | United in good health |
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- A measurable result
- Offering something to faith based organizations to offer to congregation to increase health/size of congregation
- More emotional vs intellectual
- Enhance/expand
- Overcoming obstacle/resistance
- Organized effort
- Obesity is crazy
- Chronic disease
- Helping them understand, bringing into the alignment their spiritual effort and physical effort.
- Bringing body into line that your body is a temple
- Mind, body, spirit

• <u>NEGATIVE WORDS/ASSOCIATIONS</u>

Obesity
 Unhealthy
 Fat
 Ignorant
 Complicated
 Poverty
 Complex
 Useless
 Gluttony
 Losing focus

| | o Convenient | 0 | Stigma | |
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| | o Imbalanced | 0 | "already fit" | |
| | O Doesn't apply to me | 0 | "don't have time" | |
| | o Waste of time | 0 | Living in past | |
| | o Not my problem | 0 | Comfortable with self | |
| | o Denial | 0 | Stubborn | |
| | o Apathy | 0 | I'm always right | |
| | o Big-boned | 0 | expensive | |
| • POSITIVE WORDS/ASSOCIATIONS | | | | |
| 0 | Embracing health | 0 | Sustainable | |
| 0 | Empowering | 0 | Affordable | |
| 0 | Embracing | 0 | Powerful | |
| 0 | Good | 0 | Togetherness | |
| 0 | Aligned | 0 | Irreplaceable (can't | |
| 0 | Collaboration | | trade health for | |
| 0 | Inclusive | | anything else) | |
| 0 | Faith | 0 | Life = precious | |
| 0 | Balanced | 0 | Vital | |
| 0 | Multi-faceted | 0 | Important | |
| 0 | Endorphins | 0 | Vitality | |
| 0 | Cheap | 0 | Beautiful | |
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- o Committed
- o Fellowship
- o Social connection
- o Purpose
- o Belonging
- Meditation Session-Michael
- Action Steps
 - o Get with gate-keepers=key person focus
 - o Determine which vehicle is best to enter the community
 - Asset based thinking: connecting with vehicles already in place
 (Wellness Ministry)
- Everything must be sustainable
- Show something works (measurable)

- o Feel good
- o Responsibility
- o "Always a place at the

table"