

Feedback at end of “Turning Conflict into Community”, Compassionate Listening event, held March 30, 2017, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Participants were asked “What next steps would you suggest for taking tonight’s message into the community.”

1. Do this workshop in organizations and congregations. It works even if views are shared but opens a new way of human interaction.
2. Would like to see the Rogers or local papers acknowledge an improvement in interfaith cooperation in Hendersonville over the past decade.
3. Repeat this evening’s format again. “Nothing succeeds like success”.
4. Do MORE of these forums in MORE environments. Also, Phase Two? How DO I put this skill to use in the world?
5. Find a way to keep this community together for periodic discussion/action. We could go out, for example, 4 at a time to church groups, others, and show what we’ve learned. i.e. Do it!!
6. Use this experience in future meetings.
7. More of these sessions. Maybe moving towards the leaders in the town and county.
8. Teach compassionate listening to the young-perhaps in high school-to foster greater tolerance and understanding.
9. Continue seminars such as tonight’s. Push for involvement of more of the religious community/other churches.
10. Continue these types of forums-helping us to be aware/open to conflict resolution-living in love with each other.
11. Eliminate the hateful, judgmental rhetoric and listen and speak compassionately.
12. 1. Boys and Girls Club. 2.School (High and Middle Schools) 3. More presentations at community groups-Town and City Councils? 4. Public library (Friends at the library presentation. Downtown Hendersonville. 5. Article in Times-News about this process and inviting participation.
13. I would like for my community to look out for one another, especially for the people who have different backgrounds.

14. I would like for our community to take steps that will close gaps of understanding in our interfaith community.
15. I would encourage our community leaders to hold similar sessions for groups of people. E.g. Have our protestors, and I've been one) to sponsor sessions.
16. More gatherings such as this. How do we engage more churches/groups to become involved. Media coverage to show the good news and power of dialogue.
17. Hold another event—opening It up more generally to the community—after doing an op-ed article about tonight in the Times-News.
18. Have more of these programs in H'ville and surrounding communities. "TAKE IT ON THE ROAD."
19. Offer compassionate communication to everyone who would like to experience it.
20. Take the program to a wider audience in the community.
21. Encourage more sessions like this.
22. First Congregational Church may/could hold such an event.
23. Use this as a forum for leaders, churches, politicians, civic groups.
24. I would like to see churches build a culture of authentic being—then meet with neighbor churches to solve community problems together doing the right thing.
25. I want to get my community to commit to sponsoring a refugee family as soon as possible given the political climate in Washington.
26. Organize more events like tonight. Get radio, TV, press coverage of this event. Use community TV access to promote.
27. More dialogue and discussion everywhere! Less anger. Humanize one another.
28. Like to see more Dialogue like this one.