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## BROADWAY IS BEING REPRESENTED ON QUAD CITY INTERFAITH (QCI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If most of you are not aware, I have grabbed the social issues baton that was handed off to the church by Rev. Ron Stewart, our former pastor, and Randy Flowers, a friend of Broadway. I have been involved with QCI since September of last year and I want to say that my involvement has certainly been a journey of discovery and joyfulness. Some of my former perceptions of this organization was that the methods used to solve current & local social issues such as immigration, affordable health care, and job equity were conducted in an overly zealous manner. But what I've come to find out is that in order to work our faith sometimes you have to use an active voice with strong overtones of faith, hope, and love to make the community aware of the problems our community is overlooking. Also, with prayer and diligence, we arrive at win-win solutions. Some of you might say this falls into the non-partisan politics realm, but my observations reveal a belief in simply attempting to do what the Scripture teaches us.

QCI has been in existence for several decades. The organization has taken on social issues ranging from homelessness to bank lending practices in low income communities or physically handicapped accessibility issues to breaking down barriers to better understand the different religions in our community.

Over these past six months I have learned about doing one-on-ones, been involved with transportation jobs equity, and helped with two fundraisers (the fundraisers are fun). I'll be glad to e-mail or talk to each of you personally about my one-to-one training. It's not mysterious or complicated. What's noteworthy is that Broadway has hosted 53 QCI members in mid-April for a one-to-one training session. As for being a part of the transportation and Jobs Equity Taskforce, QCI, again with Broadway as the host, in late April, acted as the mediator between minority construction business owners, local academia, minorities and women desiring to work in the construction trades, and the Secretary for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

- Yancy Bolden

