

United Non-Partisan Coalition: Our Progress/Our Plans

2017 Year in Review	2018 Year of Implementation
<p>1. Foundational Meeting- Feb. 4, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We assembled a diverse group from Prince George’s County, Montgomery County, and Washington, D.C. • Our founding members represented many political points of view. • We made a commitment to remaining unbiased. 	<p>1. Improving Local Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We plan to establish more relationships with local candidates and elected officials. • We hope to meet with candidates and officials to communicate our mission: ethical governance that serves constituents. • We will continue to post links to governmental actions on our web site. • We will continue to share resources so that our efforts can be duplicated.
<p>2. Guiding Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our founding group crafted guiding statements with a focus on 1) ethical governance, 2) strengthening communities. • See our web site for our guiding statements. www.unitednonpartisancoalition.com 	<p>2. Refining Guiding Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to work with advisors to simplify and refine our foundational guiding statements to better reflect our mission. • We will post revised statements on our web site.
<p>3. Taking Action/Focus on Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We sought out more information about community issues and local governance by meeting with our community leaders and other organizational leaders. • We reached out to many people across all political lines to identify areas of agreement. 	<p>3. Commitment to Research and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to connect with other organizations, such as local news outlets. • We will report our findings quarterly on the web site. • We hope to communicate our findings/concerns to other community leaders. (Concerns will <u>not</u> be addressed on the web site, but rather through personal communication.)
<p>4. Web Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our web site was designed by Durward Womack (Big thanks to Durward for his amazing work!) • Please sign up to “Follow Blog via Email” at www.unitednonpartisancoalition.com • Please share our web site with friends and family members. Our influence expands when more people join us. • Check out the resources we’ve posted. We welcome and support others who wish to duplicate our efforts in their community. 	<p>4. Update Web Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will recognize team members by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - including team members’ names and areas of expertise on our web site. (This will happen very shortly.) - increasing traffic on the web site.

<p>5. Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been doing a presentation to a variety of community groups. The presentation is titled “Towards More Civil Discourse”. Two key ideas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognizing road blocks to civil discussions - developing a method for finding common ground to work on local issues and improving our communities. 	<p>5. Increase Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will work to “Get Out the Vote” in local primaries. • We hope to speak to more groups with our discussion titled “Towards More Civil Discourse”. If you would like to schedule us to come to your group (small or large), contact us at: nonpartisangroup2017@gmail.com <p>There is no charge for this presentation.</p>
<p>6. Volunteering in Our Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been working with students and staff at two local secondary schools to establish relationships with teachers, administrators, and students. 	<p>6. Implement Cross-Generational Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We plan to teach mini-lessons on “How to be an Informed Consumer of Information”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will video the lessons when they are presented to create a documentary that can be used to promote cross-generational awareness and discussion. • We hope to create a mentoring/intervention program that matches teens with trained mentors.