

A National Social Justice Initiative

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Recap

O Commenced May 2006

- + World Vision, Fuller Seminary, and UYWI convened 30 urban youth min practitioners
- + How can we collaborate on a national social justice initiative?

Takeaways

- The time is right to collaborate
 - + Biblical Justice imperative
 - + Increased national consciousness
 - + U.S. urban youth realities

• But it's premature to decide how

- + Need more voices at table
- Discovery process: What is justice?
 What is God already doing around justice? How can we support it?

'06-'07 Action Plan

• Designed and hosted social justice conversations in eight Reload cities

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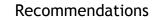
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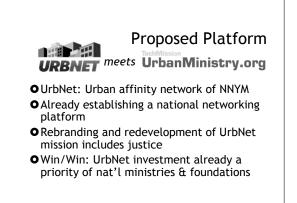
• Fuller processed data See Report from K. Powell

Fresno

Bay Area



- Two prevailing themes post-Reload
 - 1. Create a platform for ongoing networking (local and national) around justice issues
 - 2. Launch an awareness campaign targeting evangelical community



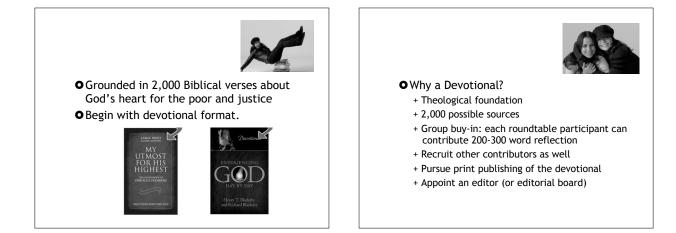


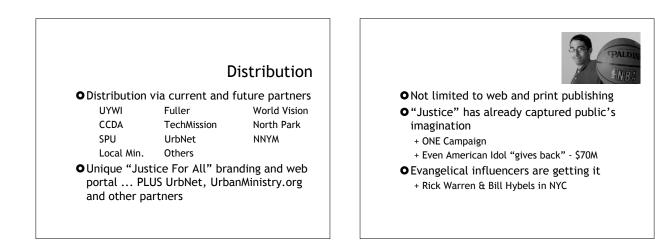
- UrbanMinistry.org
 Website architecture for connecting AND sharing content, resources, and ideas
 Features include:
 - Resource library (CCDA, KingdomWorks, CYFM) Urban ministry wiki Social networking functionality Capacity to build site into UrbNet skin Powered by TechMission: "Jesus, Technology, and Justice"

Proposed Campaign

- "Justice for All"
- Awareness campaign targeting:
 - 1. Church leaders
 - 2. Congregants
 - 3. Community

What is Biblical justice? Why does it matter?

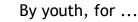






${\bf O}$ Endless viral marketing possibilities

- + Film projects/contests (via YouTube)
- + Best practices shared via blogs & social networking
- + Creative arts awareness events (e.g. Voice of Silence)
- + (Re)definitions via Wiki
- + Synergistic initiatives (eg. Adopt-a-School for education reform)



• "Justice" conversation not limited to youth issues

- BUT youth issues catalyze the conversation
 - + Emerging generations care most deeply about justice
 - + Less to lose
 - + Closer to vulnerability
 - + Feel needs most strongly
 - + Closer to pop consciousness
- ${\rm O}$ Become like a child to inherit the kingdom ...

