

ONE MILLION RISING

COMMUNITY RESISTANCE GATHERING SAMPLE AGENDA

Thanks for being part of One Million Rising! Ahead of Session #2 on July 30, here is a preview of the sample agenda for your first Community Resistance Gathering.

GOALS OF COMMUNITY RESISTANCE GATHERINGS

- ★ Build community connection & resilience
- ★ Start thinking about/talking about/playing with...
 - The need for mass defiance
 - The pillars framework and how you and those gathered fit into them
 - Different noncooperation and defiance tactics
- ★ Become more ready to take action together

Sample Agenda

Opening (15min)

- ★ 5min: Open with a joyful activity suitable for you and your people (song, inclusive prayer, poetry)
- ★ 10min: Introductions & one reason you came today

One Million Rising Core Content (20min)

- ★ Opening: this moment & why it calls for an evolution of our strategy
- ★ Group conversation prompts:
 - *Less experienced groups* (e.g. you've invited some friends and neighbors who aren't generally politically active): What has been most concerning to you about the new administration so far? How does this affect you, your community, or your sense of where our country is headed?

- *More experienced groups* (e.g. groups that already gather or talk regularly together): What activism or resistance actions have you seen that have given you hope?

★ What can we do about it?

- Imperative of having a civil resistance movement
- Intro to pillars of society framework, with examples of compliance and defection
- Intro to mass defiance and non-cooperation, with examples of successful tactics

Brainstorming & discussion (20 min)

★ Mapping ourselves, the pillars, & action we can take.

★ Look at the pillars and discuss together:

- What pillars (listed or otherwise) are we part of?
- What choice points do those pillars face where they either comply/defy?
- What would defiance look like?
- Are there pillars doing the right thing that we should support/reward for doing the right thing (especially if they're getting heat or pressure)?
- Who are the decision-makers, and who has influence?
- What noncooperation tactics might make that more powerful/effective?
- What actions might we want to take alone/with this group/together with others?

Next steps (15min)

- ★ Practice talking with one other person: call or text 1 person you might want to do some of this with.
- ★ Sign up for call #3 if they are not already
- ★ What questions do we still have?