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Chapter or Community: Defenders National

### SEGMENT THREE: DISCERNING THE PATH FORWARD

#### Facilitator / Recorder Worksheet

**1. When we last met we talked about key challenges and opportunities we saw ahead. Those were.... How do we need to change to tackle the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities?**

- Adjust programming and activities to coincide with our resources.

**2. What should the key priorities of DignityUSA be in the next few years? What's most important to us; what values from our rich history do we want to ensure are carried forward?**

- The likely mid to long term needs of ensuring the base has a strong, reliable voice seems important.

**3. What resources do we need to fuel our "engine" (passion and purpose) in the future? Why would people want to invest their life energy and financial resources in support of this desired future?**

- Young individuals with drive and energy to tackle challenges posed to our communities.
- They want to invest because they realize that following generations benefit from the progress made by earlier efforts.

**4. What is this community's guidance to the national leadership as they create a strategic plan for the next few years of DignityUSA's mission and work? Consider topics such as key commitments to mission, key goals, investments, financial resources, volunteer and leadership resources, talent recruitment and partnerships/outreach.**

- Consider the benefits and costs of alliances. Where it makes sense, we should engage in partnerships that maximize our joint resources.



## SESSION FEDBACK FORM

(To be completed following each Segment discussions)

- 1) Approximately what percentage of your community participated? How productive was this conversation for your community? As a facilitator, what worked well and why?
  - 17%
  - The exchange didn't seem to produce anything new. It did confirm a forum to exchanging new ideas if they arise.
  
- 2) What would you do differently next time? Consider preparation, the actual conversation and follow-up.
  - We have a small gathering planned in Cleveland and a caucus conference call this spring. The availability of people to lead and facilitate the discussions seemed limited. We might try an electronic meeting next time.
  
- 3) What are your suggestions for improving the supporting materials, process, and the discussion they were meant to encourage?
  - Instead of a USB drive for any documents, may be a SharePoint of similar would be easier.