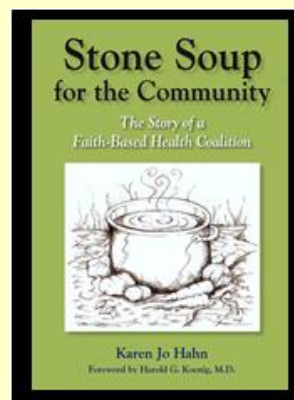


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Greater Fifth Ward Congregational Health Coalition



The Coalition has organized local pastors, volunteers, and agencies

- **to give more than 300,000 donated**
- **free and critically needed health and social services**
- **worth more than \$8 million.**

Ethnohistory

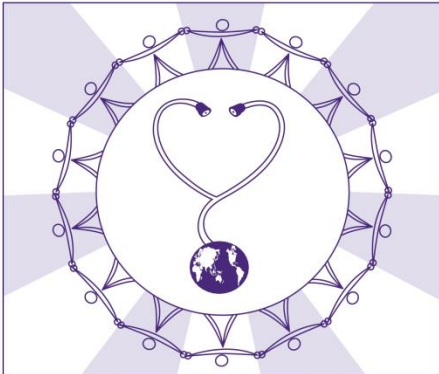
Ethnohistory is:

- **an in-depth, descriptive field analysis of a group within the**
- **context of its history, culture, and environment which**
- **integrates both “insider” and “outsider” perspectives with published scholarship.**

Impact & Resilience

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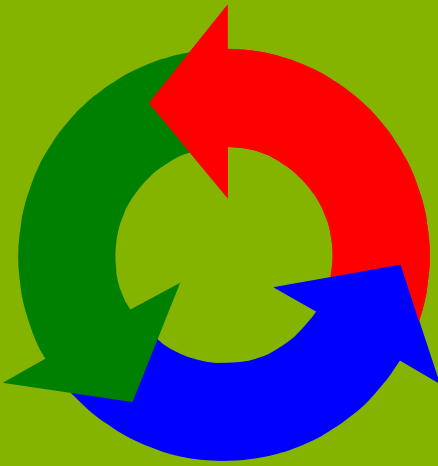
Promoting Community Health



Impact & Resilience Due to:

- **Christian faith & commitment**
- **Leadership: passion & spiritual care**
- **Human resources: VISTAs & trainings**
- **Lead agency & church**

Research Process



Iterative data-gathering, ethnographic analysis, and discussion over 3 years using:

- **Interviews & group reflection**
- **Participant observation**
- **Solicited writings**
- **Review of photos, documents, artwork, & memorabilia**
- **Published works**

Artful Tapestry



Master Story:

Fable of Stone Soup

- **Strands from dozens of contributors and scholars**
- **Over 300 historical photos**
- **Inner workings**
- **Development & maturation**
- **Similar to early Christian Church**

Challenges



- **Multiplying meager resources by learning how to work together amidst diversity**
- **Examining power and privilege, racism and multiculturalism, poverty and abundance.**

Identity & Resilience



“The Coalition’s remarkable resilience is rooted in its identity as a multicultural family of God.”

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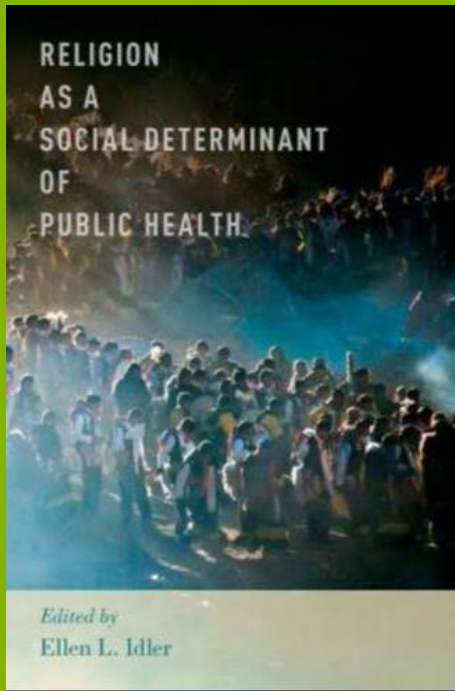
Conclusion



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In learning how to work together, the Coalition became the caring community that it tried to create in the neighborhood.

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