

THE COMMON HOME PROJECT

Sustaining our Shared Future

The Creighton Global Initiative

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT AT CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

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Purpose Statement

Guided by our Jesuit, Catholic mission, Creighton University commits to engage thoughtfully with our community, living out our call to the service of faith and promotion of justice, solidarity, and reconciliation. We embrace opportunities for all members of the University to engage the world by committing to a common, collaborative, structured, and coordinated process so that community and University may be open to collective transformation and thriving.

Values

- **We value solidarity.** Our mission calls us to be global citizens, living, studying and working in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in this world.
- **We value equity.** We pursue partnerships and initiatives that are long-term, reciprocal, and grounded in the dignity of all human persons.
- **We value justice.** We foster healing by continually and explicitly confronting the reality and causes of racism, all forms of injustice, the trauma and suffering they produce, and any role we may have played in them.
- **We value inclusion.** We believe our University and our community will become stronger when we embrace inclusive excellence, which honors the diversity found in our surrounding communities.
- **We value learning.** Our Jesuit tradition calls us to nurture community-engaged teaching and scholarship, to continually search for and be transformed by truth, and to educate students to build a more just society that includes healthy and thriving communities.
- **We value assessment.** We measure our impacts on the community and the University by adhering to systematic processes that track progress towards long-term goals.
- **We value openness.** We approach decisions with open minds and hearts, cultural humility, and Ignatian discernment.
- **We value perspective.** We include social analysis, historical context, and reflection to help us recognize strengths and limitations in ourselves, our University, and the communities we engage.

NOTE: Throughout the 2019 summer a workgroup was convened to discuss ways in which to improve the overarching coherence of Creighton University's community engagement. Acknowledging that community engagement is part of our identity but carried out in multiple and sometimes disparate ways, the workgroup articulated this Statement consistent with Creighton University's mission. As of this writing, this impact statement has not been widely promulgated across the University, but has been an integral part of discussion amongst leaders of The Common Home Project. This statement affirms our call to the service of faith and promotion of justice, solidarity, and reconciliation, and articulates specific ways of proceeding in this engagement that support human flourishing. The Common Home Project was designed with this view of community engagement as an essential means - and ends - of its activities.