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WE BUILD POWER

ONE Wake is a non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-issue organization of dues-paying congregations, associations, and non-profits in Wake County representing a membership of over 50,000.

OVERVIEW

ONE Wake is about people: developing their innate skills and ability to work with each other to identify common problems, to find or create solutions, and to work together to implement systemic changes within society to achieve the common good.

Political and corporate leaders often don't embrace change until they're pressured by the people they serve. And too many people don't realize they have the potential to **join forces and create change** through organizing.

We work with the people who want to transform the world from what it is to what they believe it should be.

We challenge people to imagine the change they can accomplish, connect organizations to multiply their power, and organize people by the hundreds to make their voices heard.



Clockwise from top: Over 1,000 leaders attend an accountability action with members of the Raleigh City Council at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Lauren Hayes (Greenwood Forest Baptist), Fr. Jemonde Taylor (St. Ambrose Episcopal), and Rev. Lisa Yebuah (Southeast Raleigh Table) bless land for affordable housing; leaders after a successful March to the Polls for a municipal election in Cary.



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CURRENT AGENDA

ONE Wake is currently predominantly, though not exclusively, focused on housing issues. This commitment includes, but it is not limited to:

1. Our campaign to build 2,000 units of affordable housing on public land (both home-ownership units and rental units)
2. Shaping our local, public policies to reflect the urgency of the need for more housing, especially the production of affordable housing
3. Inviting candidates across municipalities and at the county level to endorse the ONE Wake affordable housing agenda and specific asks for their offices

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

ONE Wake member institutions have committed to:

1. send leaders to organizing training
2. form a core team of leaders capable of identifying the top concerns and interests of their institution's membership
3. to initiate public action through ONE Wake to resolve those concerns

FINANCES

ONE Wake is not driven by outside dollars or beholden to government funds. We are a homegrown, locally-owned and locally-controlled organization.

Our finances come from institutional dues (members pay an equivalent of 1% of their operating budget with a floor of \$2,500 and ceiling of \$15,000), individual recurring donors, and private grants.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ONE Wake has mobilized thousands of residents across Wake County to win substantial commitments and investments for affordable housing, mental health services, public transportation, and support for vulnerable communities.

1. We have helped secure over \$121 million in total combined impact in Wake County across issues identified by our membership in the last 5 years.
2. We have engaged in listening sessions with more than 5,000 Wake County residents since 2020.
3. In Raleigh, ONE Wake has helped secure tax relief, housing cost burden assistance, the Raleigh HEART mental health crisis pilot, and millions of dollars for affordable housing.
4. ONE Wake was instrumental in establishing a consistent multi-million dollar housing budget in Cary, winning over \$800,000 for the Stables Homes Cary Program, passing the Cary Housing Plan, and advancing the rezoning of numerous affordable housing projects.
5. Across Wake County, we've helped sustain the SMART Ride program, secure funds for a low-barrier shelter facility, find compensation for displaced residents, and knocked on thousands of doors to get out the vote during local elections.

This work represents the power of organized communities demanding accountability and creating change from the ground up.