

**TACOMA (WA) LINKS  
NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES  
COMMITTEE REPORT COVERING  
[September] 2020**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Links Gina Hatcher (Chair), Connie Lassiter (Co-Chair), Sharon Freeman, Pamela Jones Hadley, , Roz Woodhouse, Alyce McNeil, Barbara Wesley

**Planning Year 2020-2021**

- National Trends and Services met on 7 Sep for our first meeting. It was decided that this year's emphasis would focus more on issues that Covid-19 has more adversely impacted communities of color. In Tacoma, the homeless issue has become more severe which also leads to increasing the need to provide food for these and other struggling families. This has been aggravated by federal and local funds running out of money and adequate support.
- National Trends and Services committee is reaching out to collaborate with new and existing organizations to address this issue as it the need is critical at this time and needs to be implemented before the weather and seasons are changing.
- Discussions included the following
  - Go FundMe funds to go directly to the organizations
  - Tacoma Rescue Mission
  - Catholic Community Services and Tacoma Urban League
  - Salvation Army
  - Grocery Stores
  - The Mayor's Office

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

National Trends and Services meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of the month.

Respectfully Submitted by Gina Hatcher, National Trends and Services Chair, on September 15, 2020