Hello! I am Tracie Gutierrez, a wife, mother of five, and internal organizer here at BIC. As a lifelong Brockton resident, my roots to the city are deep, including my Brockton public school education, my family’s membership at St. Edith Stein Church, and my engagement as a school volunteer, sports coach, and craft group leader.

Following 17 years as a stay-at-home mother, I decided to put my faith into action. No longer was I content to “help”: I felt called to “lead”. It was time to join with others who shared my vision of systemic change, and my journey led me to Brockton Interfaith Community, where I found my people. BIC offered me an opportunity to transform my fatigue, concern, and righteous anger at the status quo into real leadership for positive change. I am blessed to work in the community for which I care so deeply.

Rabbi Randy Kafka serves Temple Kol Tikvah in Sharon, and has been active for over eight years in the Sharon Interfaith Clergy Association. In 2017, she co-founded Sharon Interfaith Action, a group which now consists of 17 core members and about 60 friends/supporters. The initial idea for SIA grew out of a book discussion group led by Rabbi Randy, which met biweekly for about two years, studying Paul Kivel’s book *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*. Deep partnership with BIC is at the core of Rabbi Randy’s vision for SIA. She lives in Stoughton with her husband Alan.

**Our Mission Statement**

Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC) is a multi-faith, multi-ethnic non-profit organization representing greater Brockton. Our mission is to work collaboratively on issues chosen together to promote racial and economic justice through prophetic, faith-rooted community organizing. We advocate at the state level as MCAN and at the national level as Faith in Action. By building power locally through intentional relationships, we aspire to create systems and structures for the purpose of establishing a more equitable and just world.

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- Brockton Family and Community Resources
- Sharon Interfaith Action
- Chapel of Our Savior
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**BIC Staff**

- William Dickerson, II
  Executive Director
- Ryan Chasey, MSW
  Community Organizer
- Tracie Gutierrez
  Internal Organizer

**Interested in hearing more about BIC? Do you want to give voice to your concerns about Brockton? Do you and other members of your congregation want to be in relationship with others in Brockton’s Community of Faith? Contact the BIC office and we will set up a 1 to 1 conversation with you and a BIC leader, we are waiting for you.**

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Prophetic leadership trainings are deeply rooted in all of our various faith traditions and give our leaders a set of principles around which we can envision the world we are called to create together. We begin by making a choice that we must do something in response to the injustice we see in the world all around us, and acknowledging that we cannot do that work alone. From this principle we learn how to grow in deep, authentic relationships with our neighbors. We then work to identify the systems and structures that we would like to encounter and improve. Who has the power to make the changes we seek in order to create an equitable and just world for all.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

BIC’s next School of Prophetic Action will begin January 2019

Module One is for those who have not previously attended the School of Prophetic Action

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Location TBD
Week 1: Tuesday 1/8 and Thursday 1/10
Week 2: Tuesday 1/15 and Thursday 1/17
Week 3: Tuesday 1/22 and Thursday 1/24
Week 4: Tuesday 1/29 and Thursday 1/31

Leaders must attend one training class per week on the day that they choose.

To register or for more information call Ryan Chasey at 508-587-9550 or email ryanchasey@brocktoninterfaith.org

On October 10th, after months of intensive research and preparation, BIC proudly held a major community action on education funding reform!

The event was moderated by Gamaliel Lauture and Ann-Marie Illsley, and featured testimony from BIC prophetic leaders Michaela Lauture, Rabbi Randy Kafka, Gene Lawton, Jennyfire Pierre-Louis, Kristen MacNevin, Eugenie Kavanagh and Eli Silberzweig, as well as two former Brockton High School students. Also invited to speak were Superintendent Smith, Senator Brady, Representative Dubois and Cronin, City Councillors Farwell and Sullivan, and School Committee member Gormley.

Over 200 people attended to witness this powerful event, including 17 of 24 invited public officials as well as ally groups such as MEJA, the Brockton chapter of the NAACP, the Stonehill College Office of Community Engagement, MCAN, and many others.

Following an in-depth evaluation of the event with our team, we will build on what we learned as we continue our work toward equitable funding for Brockton and other cities and towns across Massachusetts.

Join Brockton Interfaith Community
December 1st for our Annual Celebration.
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Christ Congregational Church
We will come together for dinner and celebrate our accomplishments over the past year for social and economic justice.
We would be honored to have you in our presence!

Dinner will be a variety of hearty soups, bread, and delicious desserts representing the many nations within the city of Brockton.

For tickets please visit celebratingbic.eventbrite.com or contact the BIC Office.
Are you interested in sponsoring our event?
Contact the BIC office at 508.587.9550 or email bic@brocktoninterfaith.org

One person gives freely, yet gains even more, Proverbs 11:24

Your monthly donation of between $5 - $25 can enable BIC to work towards emerging as a power-holding faith based organization within the city of Brockton.
Your donation will give us the ability to:
- Train congregation members to be prophetic leaders.
- Increase BIC staff capacity to promote strong internal and community organizing.
Monthly sustainers can be set up by contacting the office.