Steering Committee Purpose Statement

The purpose of the CCE Steering Committee is to ensure frequent and productive dialogue between:

(a) a diverse array of local community leaders and
(b) representative community-engaged faculty, students and staff from Lafayette College.

Rationale

This dialogue will help the Lafayette members of the Steering Committee gain a better sense of community assets and better understand the most pressing issues, concerns and needs of Easton area residents. It will help community members understand both the constraints under which community engagement initiatives operate at Lafayette, and the kinds of community issues in which there currently seems to be the most campus interest and/or expertise.

Goal

The CCE Steering Committee will identify strategies for building sustainable and mutually beneficial pedagogical, institutional, and human relationships, especially across difference.

Objective

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Steering Committee will focus on identifying 2 or 3 initiatives on which the college and broader Easton communities could collaborate over a 3-5 year period in an effort to demonstrably “move the needle” in addressing these specific problems, issues or unmet needs.

Action Steps

The CCE Steering Committee will host a summit focused on a particular topic area to develop partnerships and plans toward a broad, collective impact in that area.