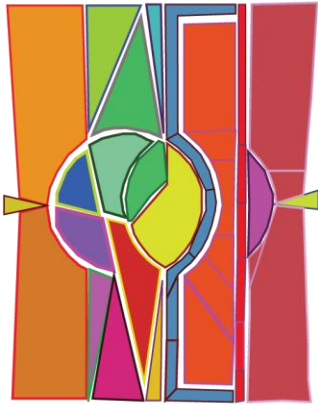




# Beyond **BELIEF**

Religion and Social Change in 1960s Chicago

## Ideas to Explore

**Welcome!** Today's tour explores how religious communities respond when the world around them changes faster than they expected. As we join in our community meal, we invite you and your tablemates to reflect further together. Feel free to use any of the questions below as discussion starters—or find your own topics.

- **What story has surprised you most so far?** Did it challenge something you assumed about religion, activism, universities, neighborhoods, or Chicago itself?
- **Where have you seen faith operating in today's discussions?** A source of moral values, a community institution, a political force, a source of identity, or something else?
- **Can you share a time a community, organization, congregation, workplace, or neighborhood you belonged to had to decide whether to take a risk in response to a social issue?**
- **Who seems to have had power in the stories we've heard so far?** Who lacked power? Did those relationships shift?
- **What emotions do these stories evoke?** Hope? Admiration? Anger? Frustration? Pride? Grief? Which feels most present to you right now, and why?
- **Whose stories are remembered? And whose remain more or less invisible?**
- Many of the people in today's stories were not certain they would succeed. **Can you share an example from your own life when people acted because something mattered,** even when the outcome was uncertain?
- **What would you want future generations to remember** about the communities you belong to?