

Community Transformation Certificate Program Arc

3-Day Workshop

Themes/Skills Covered

Day 1

Certificate Program Overview

- Understanding the Urban Context
- Foundational Spiritual Practices for Sustainable Neighborhood Presence
- Adopting a Listening Posture in our Community
- Imagining Shalom: Hearing God's Call to Pursue Shalom and Build our Narrative Theology
- From Vision to Reality 1: 9 Signs of a Transforming Community
- Observing and Interpreting the Holy Spirit's Work in a Community

Day 2

From Vision to Reality

Community Organizing Skills

- Relational Meetings
- Designing Your Listening Project
- Engaging Pipelines
- Looking for Positive Deviants

Day 3

Designing a Seed Project Response

Community Organizing Stories

Follow Up

Coaching Consultation

Discerning your community engagement, timeline, and resources needed for completion of the CTC program, with the support of a 1-hr coaching session

Implementation Support

5 Coaching Sessions Every 2 Weeks

Support and accountability through your Listening Project and Seed Project Response

Monthly Online Meetings as a Community of Practice

A space to hear stories of what other communities are doing, troubleshoot, and receive more training on topics like:

- Our Ethnic and Racial Identities in Community Transformation,
- Spiritual Disciplines for Resiliency,
- Next Steps to Partner with Local Leaders,
- Building Community Partnerships
- Celebrating the Completion of the Community Seed Project

What is a Listening Project?

A listening project is an intentional effort to listen to neighbors and stakeholders in the neighborhood, with the purpose of asking questions about the strengths and assets of the community and identifying potential neighborhood partners to address an identified need.

The goal of your listening project is to learn more about an aspect of your focus community and create a holistic seed project that builds upon what you heard to bring greater shalom for the community.

What is a Seed Project Response?

A seed project is a one-time small action or event that meets the following criteria:

1. It is done with local resources
These are assets — community space, people, skills, materials, supplies etc.
2. It is done to address the “groanings” of the target community
These are current examples of broken shalom as described by the community
3. It involves the participation of those within the target community
These are done “with” the community not exclusively “for” the community

Examples of Seed Projects

1. A tenant meeting from an apartment complex to devise a plan to address pests in the building with the landlord
2. Educational training for children and adults about child sexual abuse
3. A reading/story event and book-swap with children where the church donates some books, the community donates some books and community participants help run the event
4. A basketball tournament made up of teams from the church and two rival gangs within the community where the church repairs the courts and the community coordinates the rival gangs/teams
5. An afternoon tea hosted by tenants in an apartment complex in order to form new relationships amongst mothers