

Urban Theology

**Urban Evangelism and
Congregational Development**

**Developing and Strengthening
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**Community Economic
Development**

**Wholeness, Healing, and
Health**

Urban Ministry Training Modules

Overview and Purpose of Training

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Acts 4:13, NRSV

Seven Holy Boldness goal-area training modules have been designed to equip congregational and community leaders with resources to revitalize congregational life and transform communities. The training modules will assist in developing long-term focus and new direction for ministries in urban congregations and communities for the building of God's kingdom.

The seven areas of training from the Holy Boldness National Urban Plan are:

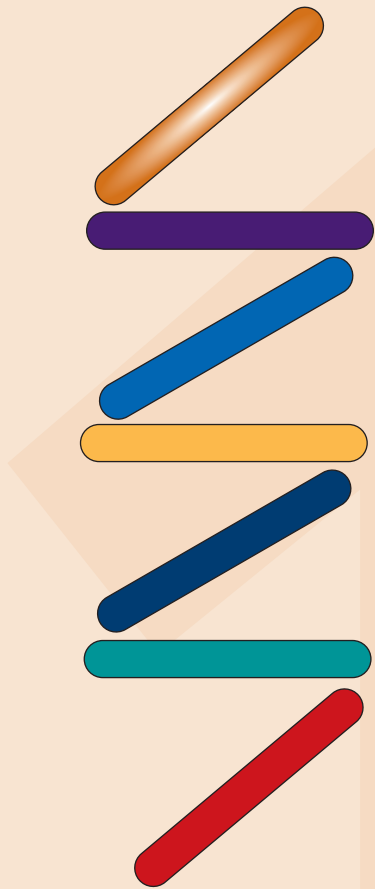
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The training modules are recommended also to assist in the following circumstances:

1. Districts and conferences seeking specific leadership development tools to accompany congregational development initiatives.
2. Individual congregations and church/community organizations seeking training and leadership development to advance congregational growth.

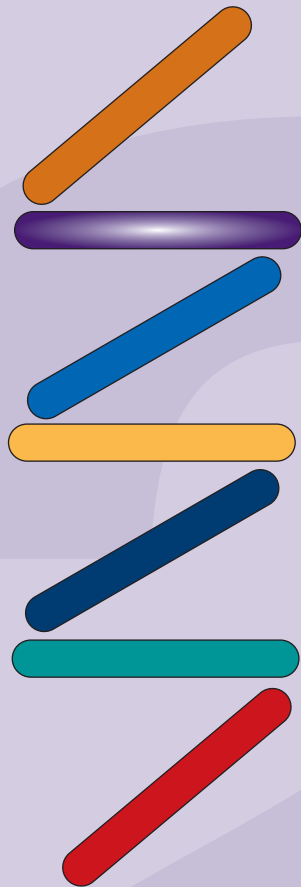
Steps to participate in a Training Module Session:

- A District Superintendent or assigned conference staff person will host the training session and invite interested congregations and community organizations into the process.
- He or she will work with a trainer assigned from the Office of Urban Ministries.
- Each training setting will accommodate four to ten congregations and/or church organizations (60 participants maximum).
- It is recommended that teams of three to five persons from each congregation or church organization participate in the training.
- All training materials will be provided by the Office of Urban Ministries.
- A registration fee of \$20.00 will be assessed to cover training materials, resources, snacks, and lunch.



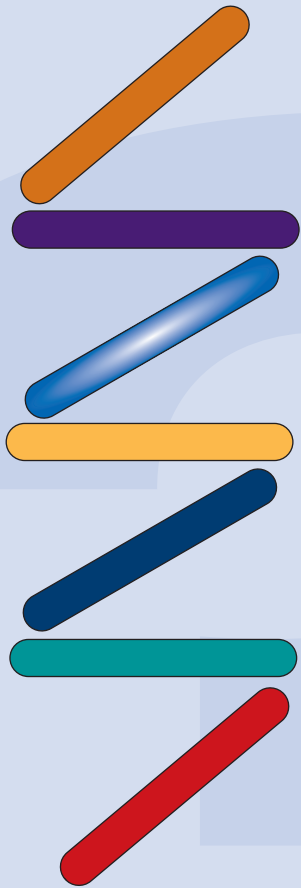
Urban Theology

1. Gain an understanding of the theological realities for congregational and community vitality.
2. Learn how to organize and mobilize a congregation in developing and sharing their faith.
3. Learn how to organize and mobilize a congregation in receiving new people into the congregation and its ministries.
4. Learn how to identify places for outreach ministries to serve all people and focus on the poor and marginalized.
5. Gain a clearer individual understanding of spiritual gifts.



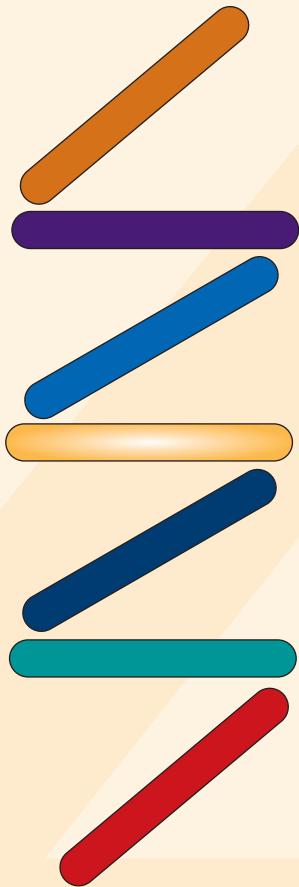
Urban Evangelism and Congregational Development

1. Learn distinctive biblical and practical aspects of Urban Evangelism and Congregational Development.
2. Learn 14 steps necessary for a church to survive.
3. Learn the benefits of teamwork.
4. Complete a Congregational Development Worksheet addressing team-based groups, conflict resolution, and church leadership.
5. Gain an understanding of the church's readiness toward revitalization and transformation.



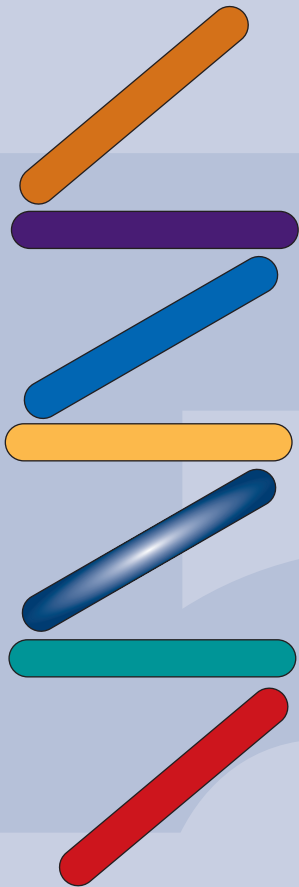
Developing and Strengthening Multicultural Relationships

- 1.* Identify models and resources to encourage congregations to participate in cultural immersion that will strengthen multiculturalism.
- 2.* Study the changing realities of today's society.
- 3.* Learn distinctive biblical and practical aspects for strengthening and developing multicultural relationships.
- 4.* Gain an understanding of the daily effects of "white privilege."
- 5.* Learn a process to improve inclusive communication.



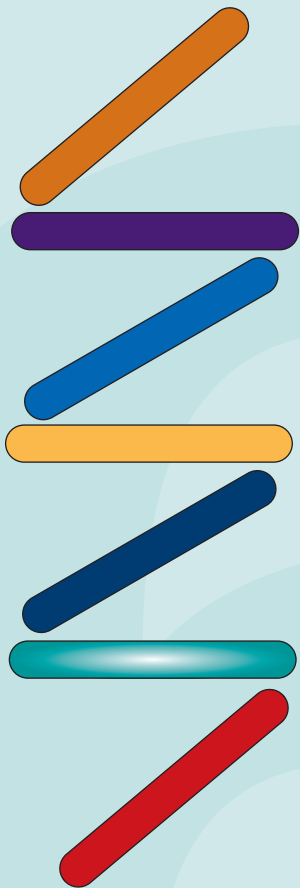
Eradication of Racism and Other Forms of Oppression

1. Increase participants' and congregations' sensitivity to racism and oppression.
2. Learn the distinctive biblical and practical aspects of racism and oppression.
3. Gain an understanding of the daily effects of "white privilege."
4. Begin strategies to build relationships through networking, collaboration, and other means of socializing in the community.
5. Identify three anti-racism acts to work on back home.



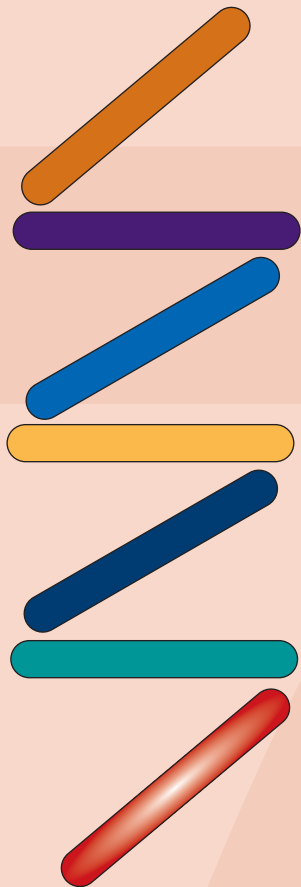
Leadership Development

1. Learn the essential qualities of spiritual leadership.
2. Learn the contrast between the structure-based church and the gifts-based church.
3. Learn the “17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork.”
4. Complete a Leadership Development Worksheet addressing leadership training, conflict resolution, and church leadership.
5. Identify two strategies to build/strengthen spiritual gifts and individual leadership skills.



Community Economic Development

1. Study a congregation (case study) engaged in Community Economic Development by working with existing community development corporations—startup to implementation.
2. Organize and mobilize a congregation in identifying their assets for accomplishing Community Economic Development projects.
3. Study a Community Needs assessment survey and develop local strategies.
4. Explore the definitions of Community Economic Development.
5. Receive take-home material to continue the learning and training process with additional members of the congregation.



Wholeness, Healing, and Health

- 1.* Learn distinctive biblical and practical aspects of Wholeness, Healing, and Health and Congregational Health Ministries.
- 2.* Learn how to access health needs within the congregation and community.
- 3.* Identify resources and interest to build upon.
- 4.* Gain an understanding of models of health ministries.
- 5.* Gain a variety of ideas for health ministries.

Contact Information

If this training is of interest to your congregation and/or community organization and you would like to discuss next steps, please call:

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An assessment survey must be completed prior to the actual training by all participating congregations. The survey will enable the assigned trainer(s) to become familiar with individual church interests and capacities and to better tailor the training to assist the participating congregation's needs and interest.

