

Beacon Academy

Fall
2018

Investing in congregations. Developing leaders. Building our collective power so all people have a home.



SAVE THE DATE! Beacon Congregation Convening

Thursday, September 13, 7- 8:30 p.m.
Colonial Church, Edina

Register:
beaconinterfaith.org/congregation-convening

FALL 2018 SCHEDULE (Workshop descriptions on the reverse side)

The 1-1 Visit: Building Relationships

Thursday, September 27
7-8:30 p.m.
Mayflower United Church of Christ
106 E Diamond Lake Rd, Minneapolis

Cultural Competency and You (for FMF Host Coordinators and Volunteers)

Monday, November 5
6-8:30 p.m.
Scott/Carver County Location TBD

Power Tools

Thursday, October 4, 11, & 18
6-8:30 p.m. Dinner Provided
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd E, Wayzata

Building Home: What It Takes

Tuesday, November 13
6-8:30 p.m.
Edina Community Lutheran Church
4113 W 54th St, Edina

Host Training: Families Moving Forward

Tuesday, October 9
6:00 p.m. Dinner Provided
Plymouth Congregational Church
1900 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis

The Power of Telling Our Stories

Thursday, October 25
6-8:30 p.m. Dinner Provided
Immanuel Lutheran Church
16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie

Registration required for all:
beaconinterfaith.org/beaconacademy

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Beacon
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Workshop Descriptions

Building Home: What It Takes

Learn the ins and outs of what it takes to build homes like 66 West, Cranberry Ridge, and Great River Landing. You'll walk away with an understanding of the need for affordable housing in our community, how we can address the scale of that need, and how the collaborative approach is uniquely suited to address that need.

The Power of Telling Our Stories

Stories are a source of inspiration, a means to connect with one another and a way to motivate others to join us. As we continue to invite others into this work to make the change we seek, stories have the power to move others to action. Come explore yours in this NEW workshop!

Host Training: Families Moving Forward

Hosting families is one of the most important things we do to live out our faith through Beacon. This workshop focuses on the practical information and tools needed to ensure that you, other hosting volunteers and the families have a positive experience.

NOTE: For new and experienced shelter hosts.

Cultural Competency and You

This NEW workshop will focus on supporting hosts and clergy to link their hosting and advocacy to end homelessness to faith values. You will reflect on their own identities, assumptions, and implicit biases and develop skills to support volunteers to create inclusive and equitable environments for families.

NOTE: The initial audience for this workshop is hosting volunteers. Look forward to it being offered to everyone in the collaborative in 2019.

The 1-1 Visit: Building Relationships

Relationships are the building blocks of our collective power. Connecting with new energy and new leaders is essential, whether you're hosting families in shelter, supporting the development of affordable housing or deeply involved in a policy campaign. Learn the purpose and application of 1-1s, and practice your new skill with leaders from other congregations.

Power Tools

Power is all around us all of the time. Change will not happen unless power is exerted. These two truths frame the work we do as a collaborative to shelter families, create homes and impact housing policy. Power Tools provides you with the skills needed to galvanize your congregation as part of the collaborative effort to tackle the tough issues facing us.

Session 1: Power and Change

The power to create change begins with you! Learn how power works, why change is hard and why it's important to build a collective vision of change.

Session 2: Building Relational Power

If relationships are the building block of our power, then the time we spend building relationships is time well spent. Learn about the 1-1 visit, take time to practice, and begin building your power.

Session 3: Power in the Public Arena

Change happens outside the doors of our congregations through strategic campaigns. Learn what it takes to create a successful campaign.

NOTE: For all leaders, emerging leaders and volunteers. It is strongly recommended you attend all three sessions.

