



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

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Power Tools: Leadership for Change

Friday, October 11 at 3 p.m. - Saturday, October 12 at 5 p.m.

Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center
1 Oakridge Dr, Chaska
\$195 per person, scholarships available

WORKSHOPS

All are 6 - 8:30 p.m, dinner included, unless otherwise listed.

Building Home: What it Takes

Thursday, October 3

Good Samaritan UMC
5730 Grove St, Edina

Thursday, January 16

First Universalist Church
3400 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis

Tuesday, May 26

Christ Presbyterian Church
6901 Normandale Rd, Edina

The Power of Telling Our Stories

Thursday, November 7

Good Samaritan UMC
5730 Grove St, Edina

Thursday, March 12

Living Spirit UMC
4501 Bloomington Ave, Minneapolis

Families Moving Forward: Hosting Basics

Monday, November 11

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities
4100 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis

Thursday, February 6

Christ Presbyterian Church
6901 Normandale Rd, Edina

Saturday, May 9

9 - 11:30 a.m.
Cross of Peace Lutheran Church
1506 Wood Duck Trail, Shakopee

Families Moving Forward: Inclusive Hospitality

Monday, November 18

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities
4100 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis

Thursday, February 13

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[Workshop descriptions on next page.](#)

Registration required for all workshops:
<https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/get-involved/attend-a-training/>

Registration closes two business days prior to the workshop date. If registrations are low, workshops may be cancelled up to 24 hours before the training date.

Questions? Contact your congregational organizer or Deb Rodgers:

drodgers@beaconinterfaith.org
or (651) 789-6260 ext. 218



Beacon Academy 2019-2020

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Building Home: What it Takes

An introduction to Beacon's work to develop affordable homes. Explore the reasons homelessness exists, learn about the buckets of funding needed to create affordable homes, the housing development cycle and why we can't build our way out of the problem of homelessness.

For donors, members of Beacon congregations and prospective congregations.

Families Moving Forward: Hosting Basics

Covers essential information for host coordinators and volunteers including why families are homeless, what to expect from the families being hosted, roles of volunteers, and the support Beacon's FMF staff provides.

For new and experienced host volunteers and host coordinators. We recommend attending once every two to three years to stay up to date on the program.

Families Moving Forward: Inclusive Hospitality

This new workshop links the hosting experience to faith values. Participants will reflect on often-hidden aspects of culture and assumptions, and develop a deeper understanding of how to create an environment where families are welcomed and valued.

For experienced host volunteers and host coordinators. We recommend attending Hosting

Basics first and having had the experience of hosting families in your congregation.

The Power of Telling Our Stories

Stories inspire, build relationships and move people to action. We know this from the stories of the families and individuals that are served by FMF or live in our buildings. But stories of struggle aren't limited to others and its important we listen to each other. Learn how to tell your personal stories, including life challenges, choices, outcomes, and wisdom from learned experiences.

For donors and members of Beacon congregations.

Power Tools: Leadership for Change

To create the change needed to ensure all people have a home, we need skilled leaders able to build meaningful relationships with decision makers, hold power and act effectively in the public arena. This workshop focuses on how we understand and use power to address issues of homelessness; ways to act on individual and congregational interest; how to build powerful public relationships; tools to plan and act strategically; and how to participate in actions and campaigns that channel power and build the capacity of leaders, congregations and the collaborative.

Core training for Beacon Leadership Team members, key leaders, clergy and faith leaders in Beacon congregations. We recommend six months' experience with Beacon or with your congregation's leadership team before attending this workshop.

Additional workshops available to congregations by request (with 12 or more confirmed participants). Congregations can also request Building Home: What it Takes and The Power of Telling Our Stories. Contact your congregational organizer or Deb Rodgers to learn more:

The 1-1 Visit: Building Relationships

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

For members of Beacon congregations and prospective congregations.

Research Action Visits

Is your congregation interested in stepping out into the public arena? In this workshop, gain the skills needed to conduct research visits with public officials or other key decision-makers. You'll discuss the purpose and positive impacts of research visits and practice your newly-learned skills with other leaders.

For members of Beacon congregations.