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*“...seek the welfare of the city...”*

Organizing, Networking & Mobilizing ALL United Methodists to impact Chicago in the areas of

■ Community Safety ■ Restorative Justice ■ Education & Literacy ■ Food Security ■

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## **Chicago Urban Strategy Summit Report**

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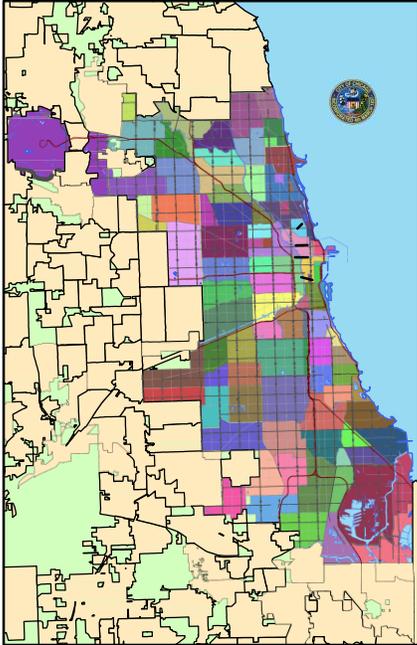
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## Our Mission

*“...seeking the salvation of the city...”*

### Chicago Urban Strategy Summit Report Summary



This map depicts Chicago's diversity with over 200 distinguishable neighborhoods and 55 community areas

The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit was convened by the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church under the leadership of Bishop Sally Dyck on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The summit was held at South Shore International College Preparatory High School, a public school on Chicago's south side. This date also coincided with "Change the World" weekend and Pentecost Sunday was the next day.

It is prayerfully anticipated that Pentecost winds of change will continue to stir the hearts and minds of United Methodists into a cohesive movement that will sweep across the City of Chicago long after the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit.



Northern Illinois Conference  
Bishop Sally Dyck welcoming Chicago  
Urban Strategy Summit participants

In March 2013 some 30 leaders from across the Northern Illinois Conference met to discuss ways in which United Methodist churches in Chicago and the Chicagoland area might be in ministry with the people of the city of Chicago.

The consensus of this meeting was that if as United Methodists we are going to *“seek the salvation of the city”* and have the greatest positive influence in transforming Chicago, a strategic focus targeting the four areas whose underlying cause is poverty was needed. For more information on poverty in Chicago see the [Chicago, Illinois Poverty Rate Data Report](#) published City-Data.com. These four strategic areas include:

*Community Safety*  
*Education & Literacy*  
*Restorative Justice*  
*Food Security*

It was also agreed that a *“Chicago Urban Strategy Summit”* calling United Methodists throughout the City of Chicago and surrounding Chicagoland area to come together to address challenges facing residents of the Chicago and to begin the development of an urban strategy for the United Methodist Church in Chicago.

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*“...organizing around the problems...”*

As a result of Bishop Dyck’s call, approximately 400 United Methodist’s gathered together to develop strategies to effectively address the issues of Community Safety, Restorative Justice, Education & Literacy and Food Security that adversely affect people in Chicago.

According to [QuickFacts from the US Census Bureau](#), Chicago has a population of more than 2.7 million people with a per capita income of \$27,940 and in 2007-2011, 21.4% of its citizens lived below the US poverty level.



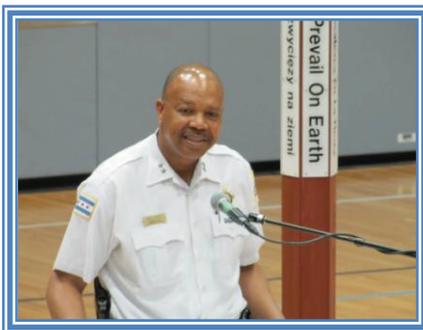
Nearly 400 people attended the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit



Marchers carrying signs with names of 2013 Chicago homicide victims

The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit began a movement enlisting United Methodists to *covenant* with the people of the city of Chicago. The summit also provided an opportunity to be a witness for peace by remembering and reading the names of the 110 (as of May 15, 2013) homicide victims in Chicago, marching for peace while carrying the names of the victims of homicide in Chicago and dedicating a Peace Pole in Rosenblum Park which is adjacent to the high school.

City of Chicago officials including Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, who proclaimed May 18, 2013 “United Methodist Day in the City of Chicago”, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Michelle A. Harris and Chicago Police Department, Bureau Chief Eugene Williams visited breakout sessions and addressed the audience. The Official City of Chicago Proclamation is provided in Appendix 1.



Chicago Police Department, Bureau Chief Eugene Williams addresses audience



City of Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emmanuel sharing during a breakout session



City of Chicago 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, Michelle A. Harris brings greetings to the summit

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The objective of the Chicago Urban Summit was to identify and organize resources that address the areas of community safety, restorative justice, education and literacy, and food insecurity that impact Chicago residents.

The purpose of this report is to:

- ***Celebrate and build*** on the success of the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit.
- ***Document and share*** the results of the 4 breakout sessions on Community Safety, Education & Literacy, Restorative Justice and Food Security conducted at the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit.
- ***Provide a resource*** to facilitate planning, implementing and evaluating local church community engagement. For the convenience of the reader and facilitate its use as a research/planning tool, a number of on-line reports and resources are directly linked to this report.
- ***Offer a general framework*** for organizing and implementing other urban strategies.



Northern Illinois Conference,  
Lay Leader, Arnold Rivera speaks out  
at Summit

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**Chicago Urban Summit Address delivered by Bishop Sally Dyck  
South Shore International College Preparatory School  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 18, 2013**

*“...seek the welfare of the city...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare...I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:7, 11

I love Chicago! Don't you love Chicago?

I love being United Methodist! Don't you love being United Methodist?

What I love about being United Methodist is that we are people who have as our core mission the command to change the world around us, beginning with our own beloved city of Chicago. Today is "Change the World" day across our denomination and people are out in the streets everywhere making a difference. We're here, preparing and planning and organizing and strategizing to make a difference every DAY in the days to come in our city.

Chicago is a great city; people love it like no city I've ever lived in before. And yet we know that Chicago has tremendous problems, big problems, that impact each and every one of us here today. We hear nearly daily the problems that we face:

Last year there were 506 homicides in Chicago.

***“...we have the audacity to believe  
that we can make a difference...”***

Chicago has the third highest rate of extreme poverty of the nation's 10 largest cities, at 10.4 percent, after Philadelphia and Phoenix. We're a city in crisis because we're a city in poverty.

We know that the Chicago Public School system has serious challenges in educating children in spite of its many dedicated teachers and administrators.

Yet we love Chicago...and we are United Methodists so we have the audacity to believe that we can make a difference--that we can be players in this city--by bringing peace and well-being to the most vulnerable in our city, including I might add, the perpetrators of violence!

Chicago is the third largest city in the US and we need an urban strategy that addresses its needs from what we as a church located throughout the neighborhoods of this city like no other denomination can provide. We need to develop a strategy that we are all working on together, learning from each other, developing best practices, partnering with one another and with local



**Bishop Sally Dyck addressing the Summit crowd stating, “...we can be players in this city”**

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entities like the police, libraries, schools, corporations and other non-profit organizations, including other churches.

How many of you are from Chicagoland and beyond? If you're from Chicagoland or beyond, you know that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to those in the surrounding villages, saying, "Promote the welfare of the city...pray...for your future depends on its welfare." This city needs your support in partnering with the churches of Chicago through hands-on mission, in making a witness at critical times in neighborhoods where there has been violence, maybe in providing safe passage for children as they walk to school, in providing food from your acres of gardens surrounding your churches, and in encouraging those who live here even as you come regularly to enjoy the benefits of this city as well as to work here.

### ***"We can't do everything but we can do something!"***

We can't do everything but we can do something! With guidance from the initiatives of the city and its partners, we have identified four main areas that we can address in each of our communities with their specific situations and assets: Community Safety, Restorative Justice, and Education/Literacy. We have added one more that we find in our communities, too, linked also with poverty: Food Security.

I expect all congregations in the city of Chicago to identify what you are already doing in these areas and what else you can do, especially with the help of community and other church partners. We will identify these---both what we're doing and what we yet can do--today; we're not just talking about the problems, we're identifying the solutions; we're not hearing lectures about them today (that may come) but we're imagining what each congregation can do to act. We've come to put legs to our prayers!

Following this summit, the work begins. Do you hear that? Today is not an event but the first step in our urban strategy as the NIC. This fall each church in Chicago will be challenged to



**Bishop Dyck signs the Covenant with the People of Chicago**

think about what partners they need, what resources they need in order to keep stepping into our communities with the hope that our communities need. This day is the beginning; the first step but we will continue to bring the work of each area before us in the coming year to learn from each other, to learn from our partners, to renew our commitment to action.

The prophet Jeremiah told the people to pray for the city. We've come to pray but we've also come to do what Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once said, "put legs to our prayers." We can become a mobilized force to bring peace to our city when we put legs to our prayers and legs to our prayers means that we have a strategy that helps us to do the things that make for peace. Jesus once wept

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over the city of Jerusalem because they wouldn't do the things that make for peace.

Putting legs to our prayers means we are mobilizing and strategizing in order to regain the sense of a movement; we're all doing the same thing in the way that our community best needs for us to respond; we're all talking about the same things; we're all learning from each other; we're all supporting and encouraging each other...my friends, that's putting legs on our prayers...we're walking...we're talking...we're acting...we've moving...we're putting legs on our prayers as we pray for the peace of our city.

### ***“O Chicago, Chicago! We love you!”***

O Chicago, Chicago! We love you! We promise to do the things that make for peace in our communities...we promise to get over our fears and discouragement, we promise to work together...we promise to rise up and walk...to put legs to our prayers...

No more poor!

No more violence!

No more fear!

No more despair!

No more...from now on, we're mobilizing, organizing, strategizing and working toward the peace and well-being of this city together and with our partners. Together we're putting legs to our prayers!

Let's put legs to our prayers! Legs to our prayers! Are you willing to put legs to your prayers and begin to mobilize, strategize, and be partners for peace in our city?

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## Our Methods

### Chicago Urban Strategy Summit Event Agenda



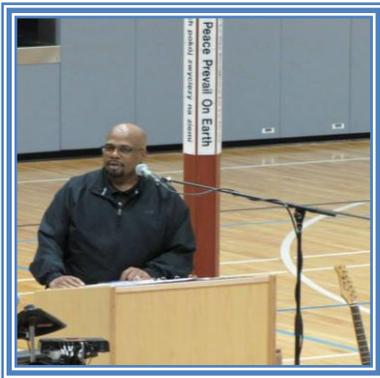
Xperience Church Praise Band

The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit began with and was punctuated throughout by periods of praise and worship music led by the Xperience Church and Generation 2 Generation (G2G) Church LH<sub>2</sub>O praise bands. The three hour agenda was divided into three primary sections, Our Mission, Our Methods and Our Movement. The Chicago Urban Summit Agenda is given in Appendix 2.



LH<sub>2</sub>O Praise Band from G2G Church

***“What do you want your neighborhood to look like because the United Methodist Church is there?”***



Rev. Robert E. Biekman, NIC Urban Ministry Coordinator instructs the audience

Nearly one-third of the summit committed to break out sessions that were designed to engage participants and identify opportunities and best practices in a given area. To ensure that every person had an equal opportunity to be heard, the concept of “circles” was borrowed from restorative justice practitioners. Each breakout group was asked to respond to the question, *“What do you want your neighborhood/community to look like (as it relates to Community Safety, Education & Literacy, Restorative Justice or Food Security) because the United Methodist Church is there?”*

Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone (Chicago Southern, District Superintendent) and Rev. Dr. Zaki L. Zaki (Chicago Northwest, District Superintendent), who are members of the Chicago Urban Summit Planning Team supported by the Conference Offices of Connectional Ministries (Rev. Chris Pierson,

Director) and Congregational Development (Rev. Dr. Martin Lee, Director) mobilized clergy and laity for the May 18<sup>th</sup> event, offered prayer and shared words of inspiration to encourage summit attendees. United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women provided hospitality for the day.



Approximately 400 people attended the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit



Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone



Rev. Dr. Zaki L. Zaki

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**Education & Literacy Breakout  
Group participants**

Prior to the summit, meetings were held with breakout group co-facilitators and scribes to familiarize themselves with the Kiva Protocol large group facilitation process. The Facilitation Process and design of the break out session is identified in Appendix 3.

After meeting in individual focus area breakout sessions, all summit participants re-assembled and the break out session co-facilitators and scribes shared the highest ranked ideas as resulting from their “brainstorming” sessions with all the summit participants.

Based on registration, not actual attendance (it is believed people were in attendance that did not register), the number of participants in each the breakout groups were as follows:

***Community Safety – 151***  
***Education & Literacy – 133***  
***Restorative Justice – 79***  
***Food Security – 43***

In spite of the large number of participants, using the Kiva Protocol (which prescribes that participants divided into groups of 8- 10 people) and with the guidance of several experienced facilitators participants had an opportunity for their ideas to be heard. Ensuring participants were heard was a goal of the Summit organizers.

Several overlapping or “mega-themes” emerged through conversations during the breakout sessions. These mega-themes included:

- ***Opening church doors*** beyond “normal” church activities/becoming more welcoming (e.g. safe havens, after school programming)
- ***Community engagement*** going out into the neighborhood/community (e.g., prayer walks, community gardens, neighborhood clean-ups)
- ***Engaging youth*** (e.g., mentoring, rites of passage)
- ***Collaboration & Partnership*** with other community stakes holders (especially schools)
- ***Advocating with community*** to “break the cycle” (e.g., poverty, incarceration, violence)
- ***Resourcing*** for churches/specific groups (e.g., life skills training, nutrition education, GED, cooking classes, organizing, Restorative Justice)

A summary of results of the individual breakout sessions for the four focus areas of Community Safety, Education & Literacy, Restorative Justice and Food Security are given in the next section of this report.

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## Community Safety Break Out Group Report

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Morgan, Angel Grant - Co-Facilitators, Wes Dore – Scribe, Megan Dean - Recorder**

One of the measures of Community Safety is crime. In 2012 there were 506 homicides in Chicago. At the time of the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit, there were 110 homicides in 2013. Chicago's homicide rate is heavily influenced by gang culture which is endemic of Chicago's poorer neighborhood. The collateral damage caused by this particular type of violence in Chicago has periodically captured the national media's attention.

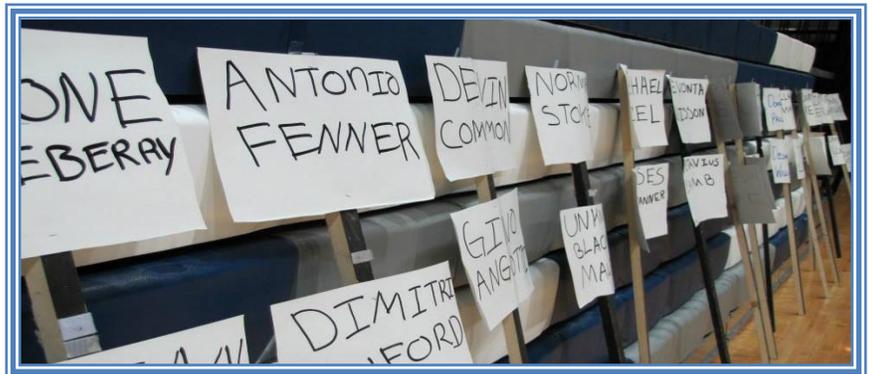
In spite of this, according to [Chicago Police Department Statistics](#), reported crime, particularly homicide is down in Chicago.

Since Crime Reports can be misleading, another way to look at Community Safety is to categorize crimes into 3 areas.

These areas include:

- **Violent Crime**
- **Property Crime**
- **Quality of Life Crime**

The [Chicago Tribune's, Crime in Your Community Report](#) offers crimes committed per 1,000 people for each of the 3 aforementioned categories. The report also provides a community by community analysis. This report clearly demonstrates the connection between crime and poverty in Chicago. The Washington Park and Woodlawn communities rank among the 5 worse communities in violent crimes as compared to Hyde Park which borders both these communities and ranks 36th in violent crime.



**The names of the 110 victims of homicides (as of 5/18/13) lined the South Shore International College Preparatory H.S. These were later carried by Summit participants during the Peace March**

For a more in depth analysis of homicides in the city of Chicago, since 2007, The Red Eye local newspaper continues to offer the [“Tracking Chicago Homicides”](#) report and website.

The results of the Community Safety break out session conversations provided by the group recorder is contained in Appendix 4. The following are the top five ideas as ranked by the Community Safety break out group.

1. ***People come out from behind church doors and into the streets, schools, parks and to respond to community crisis.***
2. ***Adopt-a-school (nearby) to work children into fabric of church (find their specific need, offer after school programs, build relationships with schools & safe passages)***

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- 3. Church partner with other churches to develop social group activities and leadership training (e.g. basketball, other sports, arts & crafts in the neighborhoods)*
- 4. Be more visible in the community get out of the church and into the community (health fair, street fair and hand out water on hot day)*
- 5. Establish mentors program for youth 7-18. Engage them before outside negative influences.*

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## Education and Literacy Break Out Group Report

Rev. Audrea Nanabray, Rev. Adonna Reid - Co-Facilitators,  
John Price – Scribe, Valerie Collins – Recorder

According to [Chicago Public Schools: Stats and Facts](#), in 2012-2013 Chicago Public School (CPS) oversees the operation of 681 schools (472 elementary and 106 high schools, 96 charter schools and 7 contract schools) across the city of Chicago. In FY2012, its total operating budget for 404, 151 students was \$5.11 billion. More than 85% of its students are racial ethnic minorities with 44% being Latino and 42% being African American.

According to the [US Census Bureau: Public Education Finances 2011](#), in FY2011 Chicago Public Schools spent \$11,622 per student in education and ranks third among the US's 5 largest school systems in amount spent per student.

The results of the Education & Literacy break out session conversations provided by the group recorder are contained in Appendix 5. The following are the top five ideas as ranked by the Education & Literacy break out group:



This map shows the location of CPS Schools within 1 mile of United Methodist Churches in Chicago. The full size map and report are given in Appendix 6



Participants during breakout session

1. Churches as hospitality centers/safety zone for mentoring all ages
2. Church as classrooms afterschool programs (Technology, GED, English as second language/Spanish as a second language, Literacy, Life Skills, Mentoring)
3. Get the church into the school (advocacy (e.g. address issues raised by school closings), sponsorship (e.g. "The UM ACT Program), "cheering section", articulating needs
4. Local church involvement w/neighborhood school
5. Teach ethics/etiquette support young parents and grandparents raising children x

An online resource, ["What Can Your Church Do Through Partnership to Support Children, Teachers and Your Public Schools"](#) provides a number of ways that churches can connect with their neighbor schools to support children, families, teachers and schools.

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## Restorative Justice Break Out Group Report

**Laura Dean Friedrich, Emmanuel Andre - Co-Facilitators, Ken Ehrman – Scribe, Mara Collins – Recorder**

The Restorative Justice (RJ) break out group participated in spirited conversation. Some of the conversation was focused on developing a working definition of RJ. What follows is the “working definition” that was provided in the breakout session report.

### ***Group Working Definition of RJ:***

*When a person has committed an act that might be perceived an antisocial act, the tendency is to prosecute or put the offender in jail and throw away the key. RJ provides an opportunity for person to acknowledge what they have done and ask for forgiveness, in addition for peers, where young people have a way to reconcile with each other. At its best, RJ restores the victim, alien, ex-offender or lawbreaker and community.*

For an overview of RJ and the role of the United Methodist Church, the following link to the [United Methodist Church Archives](#) is provided. [The US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) offers a number of RJ Program models for those churches with an interest in further exploring taking steps to implement RJ.



**Marchers assemble for Peace March and Peace Pole dedication in Rosenblum Park on Chicago’s south side**

The results of the Restorative Justice break out session conversations provided by the group recorder are given in Appendix 7. The following are the top ideas as ranked by the Restorative Justice break out group

- 1. Second chance for everyone***
- 2. Restructure the laws***
- 3. Connect all people through collaboration- community and church***
- 4. Break the cycle and give opportunities for all people***
- 5. Resolution between perpetrator and victim in a loving environment***
- 6. Reducing incarceration***

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## Food Security Break Out Group Report

Keleigh Green- Patton, Richard Darr - Co-Facilitators, Ryan Lugalia-Hollon – Scribe, Rev. Richard Mosely - Recorder

In a report released by [Feeding America](#), a non-profit organization aimed at eliminating hunger in the US, “...a critical component to a healthy life is nutrition...Good nutrition, particularly in the first three years of life, is important in establishing and maintaining a good foundation that has implications on a child’s future physical and mental health, academic achievement, and economic productivity. Unfortunately, (lack of) food security is an obstacle that threatens that critical foundation...In the US more than one out of five children lives in a household with food insecurity, which means they do not always know where they will find their next meal.”



Kiva Protocol Small Group participants discuss and document ideas at Chicago Urban Strategy Summit

One of the primary contributing factors leading to contributing to food security issues is under/unemployment which leads to poverty. Additionally, children from households with food security issues are more likely to have poor academic achievement as compared to their food secure counterparts. The [Chicago Neighborhood Indicators 2000-2011 released by Social IMPACT Research Center](#) provides community specific poverty data for Chicago.

[The Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) provides a number of helpful tools to research food insecurity in specific Chicago communities. This research reports that in some Chicago communities like West Englewood, 48% of people and Fuller Park, 53% of people live with food security issues. Nearly every other person in these communities lives with food security issues! They along with the [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#) provide programmatic ideas.

To get a sense of what it feels like to live with food security issues, The Greater Chicago Food Depository offers an interactive program titled, [Hunger 101](#). With this brief, interactive module you can walk in someone else’s shoes and experience what it is like to struggle with hunger. In this program, you will take on the role of a low-income person living in Cook County. Your challenge is to manage your resources and get enough food to feed you and your family— at a simulated grocery store, soup kitchen or SNAP (Food Stamp) office.

The results of the Food Security break out session conversations provided by the group recorder may be found in Appendix 8. The following are the top ideas as ranked by the Food Security break out group.

- 1) *Provide nutritional education, “back to basics”*
- 2) *Create Church/Farm and Church/Food store collaborations*
- 3) *Cooperatively run stores with local products and fairly priced*
- 4) *Create Neighborhood Gardens*

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## Our Movement

*“...movement is what happens  
when people are doing the same thing...”*



“Putting Legs on Our Prayers” - The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit culminated with 400 United Methodists from the Chicago Southern and Northwest Districts participating in a Peace March and Peace Pole Dedication in Rosenblum Park. Click on the picture to view the video high lights of the day’s events

### A Covenant with the People of the City of Chicago

One of the objectives of the Chicago Urban Strategy Summit was to begin a movement. To this end at the close of the indoor activities, Bishop Sally Dyck led the Summit in a responsive reading of a Covenant with the People of the City of Chicago. A reproducible copy of The Covenant with the People of the City of Chicago is provided in Appendix 9. All United Methodist are encouraged to sign [The Covenant with the People of the City of Chicago](#) on-line.

This Covenant creates a common ground from which Chicago and Chicagoland United Methodists can take steps into their communities.



Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone (Chicago Southern, District Superintendent) and Rev. Chris Pierson (Director of Connectional Ministries) sign Covenant with the People of the City of Chicago



**The United Methodist Church**  
Northern Illinois Annual Conference  
The Urban Strategy Summit  
May 18, 2013

**A COVENANT WITH CHICAGO**

O Chicago, Chicago! As United Methodists, we make a covenant with you on this day to do the things that make for your peace: To rise up, stand in the gap, live out our faith, and put legs to our prayers.

We commit to be good stewards of all the resources & opportunities entrusted to us as a United Methodist Church! We will share, utilize, and invest these resources to seize every opportunity to do all the good we can.

In pursuit of your Peace, Chicago, we commit to expand our capacity as a Church, and work collaboratively with other partners within and beyond our communities!

By our commitment today we say:  
No more apathy!  
No more low expectations!  
No more isolation!  
No more fear!  
No more despair!  
No more violence!

By our commitment today we say:  
Yes to Collaboration!  
Yes to Community Focus!  
Yes to best practices to promote restorative justice!  
Yes to best practices to promote food security!  
Yes to best practices to promote community safety!  
Yes to best practices to promote excellent public education for all the children of Chicago!

May our No be No and Yes be Yes!  
Together we'll put legs to our prayers and we'll mobilize, organize, strategize and work collaboratively with one another and with all who seek to promote the peace of the City.

May the covenant we make today be ratified by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## Partnership and Collaboration

Forming effective partnerships and working in collaboration with like-minded and like-missioned organizations is essential to being effective in having a lasting impact. The process of building healthy collaborations begins with a clear mission, consistent leadership and an understanding of each organization's capacity.

In determining our capacity, an inventory of United Methodist Churches in Chicago was conducted. There are 63 United Methodist Faith Communities in the city of Chicago. Appendix 10 is a map of the location of these faith communities, their address and pastoral leadership (as of 13 June 2013). The 63 faith communities include 33 in the Chicago Southern District and 30 in the Chicago Northwest District.

An analysis of the location of Chicago Public Schools within one mile of United Methodist Churches was conducted. The following is a summary of that analysis.

In the Chicago Northwest District there are:

- 59 schools with 2 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- 20 schools with 3 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- 6 schools with 4 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- There is 1 school with 5 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.

In the Chicago Southern District there are:

- 48 schools with 2 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- 22 schools with 3 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- 5 schools with 4 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.
- 1 school with 5 United Methodist churches within 1 mile.

Many of the issues regarding the four focus areas of the urban strategy “intersect in the classroom” therefore, conversations have begun with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to explore opportunities for United Methodist congregations to partner with CPS.

## Chicago and Chicagoland Congregation & Cluster Partnerships

It is hoped that to implement the Chicago Urban Strategy, Chicago and Chicagoland United Methodist congregations will work in partnership to address the issues impacting the people of



**There are 63 United Methodist faith communities serving 42 different communities across the city of Chicago. See Appendix 10 for details**

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Chicago. The Chicago Urban Strategy also provides an opportunity for clergy/church clusters to work collaboratively by leveraging their resources.

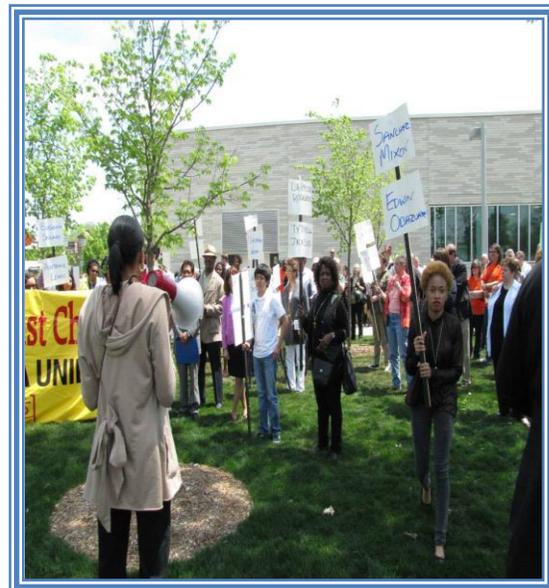
## Northern Illinois Conference Urban Strategy Leadership

### Urban Strategy Leadership

The role of the Northern Illinois Conference Urban Strategy Core Team is to provide leadership in organizing the giftedness and resources of United Methodists to address the issues and forces that negatively impact quality of life regarding, but not limited to, Community Safety, Education and Literacy, Restorative Justice and Food Security. Leadership is facilitated via an Urban Strategy Core Team and an Urban Strategy Steering Team.

The purpose of this Steering Team is to work together to guide, implement and champion the work of Urban Ministry, specifically the Chicago Urban Strategy by:

- Developing and implementing the plans of the Chicago Urban Strategy
- Communicating the goals of Urban Ministry
- Sharing their expertise
- Providing access to resources



Chicago Urban Strategy Summit participants preparing to march

### The Northern Urban Strategy Core Team includes:

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## Call to Action and Conclusion

***“...we're mobilizing, organizing, strategizing and working...  
Let's put legs to our prayers!”***

### Steps to Assessing Our Capacity

In addition to being called by Bishop Dyck to begin the work of community engagement, each United Methodist congregation in Chicago is being asked to perform an assessment of where they are in implementing the four area of the Chicago Urban Strategy.

Each congregation is being asked to respond to the question, ***“How Is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?”***

This simple assessment is based on the idea that as we take steps to engage the community, we should begin with prayer. The tool then asks the congregation, ***“At which step are you now?”*** and ***“What steps does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?”***

*How is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?  
Congregational Assessment Food Security*

Step/Color	At which step is your congregation engaged today?	What step(s) does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?
One/Purple		
Two/Blue		
Three/Orange		
Four/Navy		
Five/Green		

The basic step is to begin to pray for this area. In the grid above identify what areas your church is involved in as it relates to Food Security. For example, an initial step could be a "feeding ministry". An example of a more advanced step could be working with local business associations to bring a affordable good restaurants to your community.

<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Step 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeding Ministry</li> <li>• Shelter &amp; Day Ministry</li> <li>• Mobile Feeding Ministry</li> <li>• ?????</li> </ul>	<b>Step 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Pantry</li> <li>• Food Banks</li> <li>• Kid's Back Pack Program</li> <li>• Low-cost buying programs</li> <li>• ?????</li> </ul>	<b>Step 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Drives</li> <li>• Prepared food salvage</li> <li>• Produce (gardens &amp; gleaning)</li> <li>• Fund Raisers</li> <li>• School Meals</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<b>Step 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNAP (food stamps)</li> <li>• WIC Program (women, infants and children)</li> <li>• Job Training</li> <li>• Food &amp; Nutrition Skills</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<b>Step 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Food Deserts</li> <li>• Affordable - good restaurants</li> <li>• Access to Farmer's Markets &amp; local produce</li> <li>• Community Gardens sustainable farms</li> <li>• Advocacy Groups</li> <li>• Government Anti-hunger agencies</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>
	Response to "I need to eat now"	Response to "I need to feed my family"	Response to "Need for Donation Programs"	Response to "Ending Hunger"	Response to "Advocating for Justice"

***Appendices 12 through 12c contain an individual assessment for each of the four focus areas of the urban strategy similar to the one depicted above.***

### Living Our Covenant with the People of Chicago



Nearly 50 United Methodist marched on south Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive during the 2013 Bud Billiken Back to School Parade

On August 10, 2013 over 40 United Methodist youth and adults representing churches from the Chicago Northwest/Southern Districts and Conference Staff led by Bishop Sally Dyck, ***“put legs on their prayers”*** and marched in the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Billiken Back to School Parade. The United Methodist participation in the parade is a response to the call to literally ***“put legs on our prayers”***, and be a witness to God by living into our covenant with the people of Chicago.



Bishop Sally Dyck preparing to pray with marchers

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## Facebook Urban Chicago Strategy Summit Group

Congregations are being asked to log on to and “Like” the [Chicago Urban Strategy Summit](#) Facebook Group page. This is a simple way to obtain up to date information regarding the Chicago Urban Strategy. It is also useful in posting information (e.g. articles, research, events, etc.) and receiving Chicago Urban Strategy updates.

## Conclusion

The theme of the 2013 Northern Illinois Annual Conference was “*Who is my neighbor?*” Appendix 13 provides an outline of how the Chicago Urban Strategy aligns with the Northern Illinois Annual Conference strategy as it relates to Community Engagement and Congregational Growth. The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit serves to align United Methodists serving the people of Chicago around the issues of Community Safety, Education & Literacy, Restorative Justice and Food Security.

The Chicago Strategy Urban Summit served to identify some opportunities for growth and training in the areas of *Community Organizing, Restorative Justice, and Healthy Partnering*. It also pointed to the need to measure success not only qualitatively, but also quantitatively using the “yard stick” [The Vital Congregations Initiative](#) provides. It is essential that even as we pray, then put legs on our prayers that we continue to hold our selves accountable for measurable results.

## The Need for Vital Congregations

Jeremiah the weeping prophet said, “...*seek the welfare of the city...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare...*” The short and long term health of many of our congregations is inextricably tied to the health of the communities God is calling them to serve. The decline in many of our churches, especially urban churches parallels the decline in the communities they reside in. The Chicago Urban Strategy Summit held this up before those who participated in bold relief then provided an opportunity for those present to exercise their God given agency and think of ways to make life better for people who live in the city.

It is critical that as we take steps into the community and become more intentional about being mission minded and outreach focused that we remember that no one congregation can “do it all” but through relationship and collaboration with other congregations and community stakeholders; transformation is possible.

# Appendix Section

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## Appendix 1 - Page 1 of 1 City of Chicago Proclamation



### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church maintains a historic and vital presence within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the wellbeing of the residents of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has more than 60 churches in the City of Chicago including the oldest church in Chicago founded in 1831 by Methodist circuit riders, six years before the City of Chicago was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has more than three hundred and forty churches in the greater Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Sally Dyck of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has vowed steadfast leadership and advocacy in helping to to develop and sustain a comprehensive Urban Strategy to mobilize, resource, and expand the capacity of all United Methodist Churches in the Northern Illinois Conference to positively impact every community and neighborhood in the City of Chicago in effective, measurable, transformative, and broadly collaborative ways; and

WHEREAS, this Urban Strategy seeks to address urgent and pressing challenges including community safety, education and literacy, food security, and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Sally Dyck has chosen Saturday, May 18, 2013 to host an Urban Summit to unveil this Urban Strategy, share best practices to address the challenges at hand, and begin to make resources available to all United Methodist Churches and interested partners; and

WHEREAS, United Methodists in the Northern Illinois Conference see this day as their moment to rise up collectively to promote peace and wellbeing within and around Chicago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 to be UNITED METHODIST DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of the continued humanitarian efforts of over 120,000 United Methodists that impact all of us.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".  
Mayor

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## Appendix 2 – Page 1 of 3 Chicago Urban Strategy Summit Agenda

<b>Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Church Chicago Urban Strategy Summit South Shore International College Preparatory High School May 18, 2013</b>			
8:00	Doors Open	Entrance on west side of building upper level	<i>Main Entrance on 75th &amp; Jeffrey and the NW entrance of gymnasium upper (elevator) or lower levels</i>
8:45 – 9:00	Music Begins	Gymnasium	Pastor Dwayne Grant - Xperience Praise Band
<b>Our Mission – 9:00 am – 10:00 am</b>			
9:00 – 9:05	Overview	Gymnasium	Bishop Dyck
9:05 – 9:10	Greetings from 8 <sup>th</sup> Ward		<b>Chicago 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman &amp; Pro Temp Chicago City Council - Alderman Michelle Harris</b>
9:10 – 9:12	Opening Prayer		Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone
9:12 – 9:25	Vision Casting "The Message"		Bishop Sally Dyck
9:25 - 9:27	Comments from Lay Leader		NIC Lay Leader Arnold Rivera
9:27 – 9:35	Music		Pastor Ayla Zaki G2G and the Zone LH <sub>2</sub> O, G2G Praise Band
9:35 – 9:45	"The Message"		Chief Eugene Williams, Member South Shore United Methodist Church & Chief Bureau of Administration, Chicago Police Department
9:45 – 9:47	Closing Prayer		Rev. Dr. Zaki
9:47 – 9:57	Marching Orders		Rev. Robert E. Biekman
<b>Our Methods – 10 am – 11:15 am</b>			

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9:55 – 10:10	Participants Travel to Rooms		
10:10 – 11:00	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 1. Community Safety 2. Restorative Justice 3. Education & Literacy 4. Food Insecurity	<b>Rooms</b> 1. Lower Hall 2. Upper Hall 3. Cafeteria 4. Lower Level Fitness Area	<b><u>Community Safety</u></b> Co-facilitators – Rev. Dr. Barbara Morgan* & Angel Grant*, Scribe – Rev. Wes Dore* <b><u>Restorative Justice</u></b> Co-Facilitator – Laura Dean Friedrich* & Emmanuel Andre, Scribe- Ken Ehrman* <b><u>Education &amp; Literacy</u></b> Co-facilitators – Rev. Adonna Reid* & Audrea Nanabray*, Scribe – John Price <b><u>Food Insecurity</u></b> Co-facilitators – Keleigh Green-Patton* & Richard Darr, Scribe – Ryan Lugalia-Hollon
<b>11:00– 11:10</b>	<b>Return From Break out rooms to Gymnasium</b>		
<b>Our Movement – 10 am – 11:15 am</b>			
<b>City of Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emmanuel Speaking</b>			
11:00 -11:10	Music	Gymnasium	Pastor Ayla Zaki - LH <sub>2</sub> O, G2G Praise Band
	“Trot In” News Print & Butcher Block Paper		Facilitators & Scribes
11:10– 11:15	Community Safety Group Report		Rev. Dr. Barbara Morgan, Angel Grant & Rev. Wes Dore
11:15 -11:20	Restorative Justice Group Report		Emmanuel Andre , Laura Dean Friedrich & Ken Erhman
11:20– 11:25	Education & Literacy Group Report		Rev. Audrea Nanabray, Rev. Adonna Reid & John Price
11:25 -11:30	Food Security Group Report	Gymnasium	Keleigh Green-Patton, Richard Darr
11: 30–11:35	Covenant Making & “Offering Our Newsprint”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Dr. Zaki will bring up Bishop Dyck</li> <li>• Bishop Dyck will read the covenant with us responsively</li> </ul>
11:35– 11:45	<b>Gathering Outside at Pre-designated Location</b>		

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11:45–12:00	March with signs & dedication of Peace Pole in Rosenblum Park	Rosenblum Park	Corner Prayers Led By Chicago Southern District - Rev. Adonna Reid & Brother Iuscious Moore Chicago Northwest District – Rev. Ramon Nieves & Rev. Jacques Conway
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## Appendix 3 – Page 1 of 2 “Kiva Protocol” Large Group Facilitation Process

### Break out Session Time Table

*Ice breaker & Explanation – 5 minutes (This is the beginning of a conversation)*

*Panel Discussion (6 people) – 18 minutes*

*Group discussion – 20 minutes*

*Reporting Back to large group - 15 minutes*

### Supplies

Newsprint (post-it type), Markers, Post-its (small), Pens Butcher block paper (will already be in place)

### Space Setup

Chairs to be set up in a large circle. Small group activity will take place in small circles

### The Question

***“What do you want your neighborhood/community to look like as it relates to (Community Safety, Restorative Justice, Education & Literacy or Food Insecurity) because the United Methodist Church is there?”***

### The Facilitation Process

Kiva Protocol allows large numbers people to fully participate in a discussion with representatives to voice opinions that are then discussed in smaller groups.

1. After ice breaker and instructions, organize the large circle into **small circles of 8 to 10 people.**
2. **Six (6) volunteers** are asked to speak from within the circle. (Be inclusive in selection of volunteers)
3. The question is posed to the six (6) volunteers. They are given **one minute** to think about their responses.
4. Each of the six (6) people is allowed **one minute** to respond orally to the question addressing the entire group.
5. **Audience members listen and write a key word or phrase** (on post-its) that captures their attention.

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### “Kiva Protocol” Large Group Facilitation Process

6. After ***all presenters have spoken***, the panel is offered an additional **one minute** to respond again. The group is divided into small circles of 8 to 10 people. A timer and scribe is selected within each small circle
7. Each person in the small circle shares his/her recorded word or phrase (1 minute) in turn, followed by a brief group discussion. **Each participant introduces themselves and shares a possible response to the focus question to be posted on the small group newsprint chart.**
8. A designated representative from small circle will **write down each response on the small group newsprint chart.**
9. Each small circle member will rank the idea/response they most resonate with **using a red dot.**
10. A representative from each small circle will **report the highest ranked response** to the large circle.
11. Each highest ranked response/idea will be **written by the scribe on newsprint attached to butcher block paper for the entire group.**
12. Each large group member will rank the idea/response they most resonate with **using a red dot.**
13. All **newsprint from the small circles will be attached to the butcher block** and carried into the gymnasium.
14. **The co-facilitators & scribe from each of the four breakout sessions will share the response/idea with the highest rank (most red dots) with the whole assembly.**

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## Appendix 4 – Page 1 of 4 Community Safety Breakout Group Report

### Reporting from Recorder

- 1) Would love the church to open doors as a safe haven for children (after school), more emphasis (Woodlawn Area) on the schools / parents / community working on escorting children to and from school.
- 2) Great change in the Maywood community since 1968. Church should truly open its doors as far as the neighbor hood is concerned—being open more often and getting people to come there.
- 3) Openness, open doors, being bilingual, bicultural, and bi-racial—openness to all ages and languages and have more activities that the community can get in to.
- 4) People move to better neighborhoods to escape the violence. How do we connect dedicated people to eradicate the gun violence?
- 5) (Pilsen Neighborhood) has lost many young people to God violence. The church is a place of transformation. We have to stop looking at young people as the problem and giving them the ability to be involved in and as youth leadership. We have to make our own “crew.”
- 6) (Member of South Shore) We don’t have a way of bringing in the folks that are the “problem.” We don’t know why they are the way they are, but we have to invite them to come in and give them help. However, we have not gotten to the “problem.”

Group discussion. Six more volunteers will come in 5 minutes.

### **How many of your churches have held a funeral for a slain gang member?**

Ideas from first six:

Community Garden

Getting out of own neighborhood to link up with others

Be more visible in neighborhoods perhaps through prayer vigils and walks

Important to have resources to refer

Mentorship

\*This process was continued, without time from sharing from the second group as the group was visited by Mayor Rahm Emmanuel.

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##### Reporting from Scribe/Group

- 3 - Be more visible in the community get out of the church and into the community (health fair, street fair and hand out water on hot day)
- 3 - Establish mentors program for youth 7-18. Engage them before outside negative influences.
- 2 - More parental responsibility and accountability programs
- 5 - Church partner with other churches to develop social group activities and leadership training (e.g. basketball, other sports, arts & crafts in the neighborhoods)
- 1 - Create jobs & job training
- 1 - Create leadership programs that attract youths
- 1 - After school programs (in partnership with schools so we understand what young people want and need)
- 1 - Better communication with public schools and churches that develop programs preparing youth and keeping them interested.
- 4 - We would like to see more activities, seminars and jobs available to the community
- 13 - People come out from behind church doors and into the streets, schools, parks and to respond to community crisis
- Intergeneration cyber café – seniors & youth
- 3 - Career training programs for all that connects opportunities for at risk job seekers
- 8 - Adopt-a-school (nearby) to work children into fabric of church (find their specific need, offer after school programs, build relationships with schools & safe passages)
- 1 - Educate congregation/ others on the issues so that we see the connections with those in the city (gun laws/ drugs. etc.)
- 3 – Church needs to tie themselves with youth by providing (praying on corners, job training, neighborhood watch and doors always open.
- Worship services at night
- Outreach to at risk youth to become more involved in community problem solving
- Vocational or training programs for youth
- Safe haven program
- Every urban church needs a social worker
- 3 - Creation of jobs/ job training
- 2 - Walking teams
- Programs that take young people out of their environment for an extended period of time. Transform and reincorporate them and provide resources to support the transformation
- Mentoring program
- Resource Center
- The community to be more welcoming
- After school programs including tutoring, gym time and games
- Church promote youth programs to respond to community crisis
- Teen summit/ town hall meetings
- Educate on the issues; how to connect with others in the city
- Church needs to be more sensitive to young generation/ mentorship
- Invite young people to join the church and attend on a regular basis (go out and meet them where they are)

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- Connect with other faith groups/ churches
- Late night activities for youth – literacy programs
- Anti- graffiti/ pro-arts programs
- More community businesses and career training programs for all ages
- Cleaning streets
- Spirituality seminars, history art, reading, health jobs
- Post it note - The church offer things that are no longer available sewing, music, tutoring, trips, give young people responsibility.
- Fitness programs
- More homeless shelters
- More outdoor activities
- Crocheting, knitting, cleaning, poetry, study, mentorship programs
- Post-it note – After school sports program, basketball, volley ball, etc.
- After school programs; need someone form church there
- Music counseling arts
- Adopt a school nearby
  - Find out specific needs
  - Build relationship with specific school
  - Work in to fabric of church
  - Before/after school presence
  - Work with police as well and fire department
- Create a referral center
- Prayer walk when violence occurs – connect with other churches
- Presence at CAPS meeting from church
- Churches volunteer to lead children safely to and from school
- Church members going out to community to find people who really need church in their lives
- 4 - Create leadership programs for youth and community residents
- Media
- 4 – Churches should have more attractions that appeal to youth and the community. Example given – having the leadership / after school programs and get rewards for participating.
- Education is key
  - College opportunities (scholarship)
  - Open own business
  - Job, jobs, jobs (youth)
  - Life skills (finance training)
  - Vocational training and certification
- Action / ways to change
  - Doors of the church should stay open five hours starting at 3pm
  - Line of communication with youth
  - Program of interest of youth
  - Churches need to tie themselves with youth
  - Prison outreach
  - Neighborhood watch program
  - Teaching on safety in the community (safety awareness)

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- Job training
- Prayer corners
- Sports programs for boys and girls
- Etiquette classes
- Drama and creative arts classes (e.g. poetry jam)
- Community gardens
- Talks and classes to support self identity (i.e., Black history, UM heritage)
- Saturday morning class for little ones
- Rites of passage/mentorship
- Let community know programs available in church i.e., community newsletter
- Diversity (race, include everyone ALL MEANS ALL
- More safe havens
- Church open door to neighborhood
- Church partner with youth groups already successful and involved
- Church work with surrounding to clean / safety
- Real youth programs that keep it real
- Church partner with other churches to develop social group activities and leadership training
- Safe passage
- Open sanctuaries
- 3 – after school programs
- Prayer walks and vigils/visible in community
- Welcoming and tolerant of each other and new members
- Outreach to young people in the community
- 2 - Combat institutional racism
- Partner with suburban/rural churches
- Take action against issues we can see
- UMC flag signaling a safe place for kids
- Church as hub for services
- Pastors and members need to have a presence highly visible and active in community
- Teaching kids about safety issues. Be aware of your surroundings
  - Community watch
  - Red shirts
  - Texting
  - Phones
  - Crossing
  - Bus
- Establish helpline or become a referral center
- Community and business partnerships

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#### Education & Literacy Breakout Group Report

#### Reporting from Recorder

1.
  - Get political (CPS School Board; Mayor)
  - Address Institutional and systemic issues related to resources allocated related to education
  - UMC (part of educ= afterschool programs process safe place)
  - Going into local school to be part of local decisions through different boards etc.
  - Getting involved in extra-curr as presence (e.g. sports)
  - 2 - Mentoring (grew out of relationship or principle)
  - Community programs (e.g. immigration process, getting drivers license, etc.)
  - GED + ACT/SAT prep; college/campus tours (programs)
  - More visibility of educated young people (i.e., stay in/come back to community)
  - Scholarship for college (H.S) resources to help all families explore opp's
  - Neighborhood resources = magnet school resources (books, technology, etc)
  - Sci, tech, math resources
  - Examine how resources R. distributed
  - Equal access to all recourses from pre-k through HS
  - 6 - Head start
2.
  - Church in schools as sponsor - Sponsorship “The UM ACT Program” etc
  - Help in setting life goals, motivation
  - Reinforce safe sanctuaries- a welcome for all students
  - 4 - Get the church into the school
    - Advocacy
    - Sponsorship
    - “cheering section”
    - articulating needs
2.
  - self respect as a child of god
  - homework clubs/tutoring
  - economic improvement-Jobs
    - more resources- a book for every student, lower class sizes
  - church help connect community
  - safe haven after school
  - political advocacy for schools and community
  - Mentoring-promote higher education. Ask schools what they need
    - promote parental involvement/partnership w/schools
3.
  - Address issues raised by school closings
    - Programs designed w/language and concerns of participants in mind
  - 3 - Better communication with neighbors
  - Filled with praise not blame
  - Addressing needs of neighborhood
  - Places for children and youth attractive (learning and fun)
  - 4 - Church- resource individual-organize politically

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- Parent involvement/ model education as a priority (Income) (in PTA/school)
  - Living out commands of Jesus to love, feed, serve
  - Resourcing/ teaching parents how to have education start in home
  - Resources to be at home
  - 3 - Making connections for children between education and employment (“real world”)
- 4.
- Resources
  - Awareness- getting word out
  - Being able to relate, self-worth make learning relevant, engagement
  - Mentors, role models
  - Early education, providing progress
  - Youth groups, inclusion, creative, non-traditional
  - 2 - Life skills, job preparation
  - 3 - Get outside of 4 walls, out reach providing services that community needs teaming up collaboration
- 5.
- Education and literacy “Look”
  - Tutorial program
  - Coordinate with cluster partners
  - Mentoring program for at-risk
    - Multi-age/ generational
    - Learning and teaching communities
  - Competitive reading clubs
  - 3 - Job training skills/ career and technical training
    - Mentor job clubs
    - Career development / growth
    - Skills = goal: living wage
  - Parent literacy (GED) and child development (Skills)
  - 2 - Unconditional love/ support
    - Reduced embarrassment
    - Accept diverse learning stages
- 6.
- Appropriate and free in every neighborhood
  - 4 - After school programs
    - In UMC that are in connection with schools
  - Churches offering programs of Christian or spiritual growth
  - Offer programs/ (VBS, etc) outside the building- in the neighborhood
  - 2 - Add to good existing educational opportunities for young adults-those over 18

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7.

- Less Apathy- Share resources
- Empowering Parents-Close Achievement Gap (*Received 2 dots*)
- Outreach to youth
- 2 - Place/ center for programs
- Center got consciousness raising

8.

- Resources-Material and Human (Culturally Sensitive)
- Respect
- Words of Encouragement Make a difference
- All people equipped (Academic, social, emotional literacy)
- More support groups
- Inclusiveness/ self-esteem/ higher goals
- Advocacy
- Church as classrooms
- 2 - Church as classrooms afterschool programs
  - Technology
  - GED
  - ESL/SSL
  - Literacy (Tech)
  - Life Skills
  - Mentoring

10.

- 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> to teach our kids the value of loving God, our neighbors and themselves
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to help our kids develop their talents and dedicate them to god
  - ***La education trafo en el hoy hablar, leer y escribir bien (on post-it)***
  - 2 - 100% literacy, homework clubs, life skills training exposure to different (On post it)
  - Local church involvement w/neighborhood, school closings (on post it)

11.

- 3 - Promote 100% literacy with tutoring/ mentoring
- 3 - Stewardship/ community
- 3 - Access to technology/ resources for everyone
- 2 - Strategy of unity/generosity with fund distribution
- 2 - Certified volunteers to assist in alternative education centers/ churches/ community centers
- Community communications re: support & services

12.

- 2 - 1. Safe homes for families
- 2. Immigration issues
- 3. Life skills/ decision making

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- 4. Volunteer support for formal education
- 5. Alternative education
- 6. Better used libraries
- 2 - 7. Parenting classes

13.

- 3 - teach ethics/ etiquette support young parents and grandparents raising children
- tutoring and volunteers in classroom
- 2 - take care of students psychological health
- 2 - teach self-esteem

14.

- 3 - Churches as hospitality centers/ safety zone for mentoring/tutoring all ages
- Educated role models in home
- Education must be valued,
- no in school guidance
- College career emphasis from early age, parents preparing
- Pre-schoolers for school
- Partnerships with other groups
- 4 - Offer education that connects to jobs
- Advocacy of public school with \$
  - Educating parents-birth to age 5 parents as teachers (on post it)

15.

- 2 - All facilities (UMC) utilized for after school tutoring
- More volunteer mentors (After and during school)
- Take action but don't expect instant results
- Provide support for parents
- Life skills training
- Be consistent
- Provide pre-school program
- 3 - Provide after-school social programs

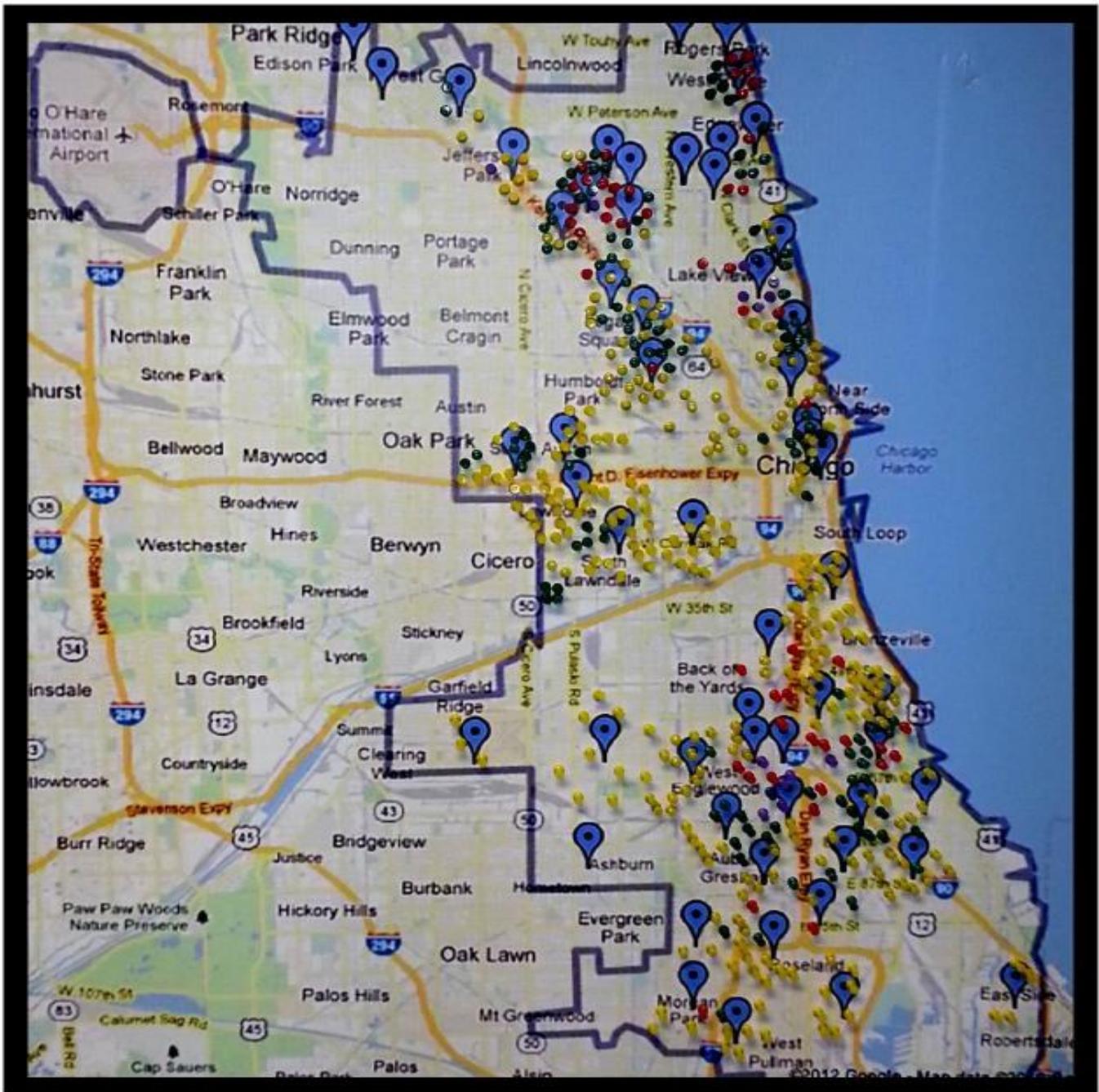
Various things said on post its

- Education be valued
- Books and supplies
- Tutor
- ECRR-early literacy every child ready to read
- We need to partner with education
- 100% graduation rate college and career
- community involvement

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United Methodist Church – Chicago Public School Map

## Number of United Methodist Churches within 1 mile Chicago Public School



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**Chicago Southern District United Methodist Church  
Church - School Comparison**

Schools	Churches within 1 mile
Catalyst 1616 S Spaulding Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Amor de Dios
Crown 2128 S Saint Louis Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Amor de Dios
Dvorak 3615 W 16th St	1. Clair Christian 2. Amor de Dios
Infinity HS 3120 S Kostner Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Wesley
Multi-Cultural Arts HS 3120 Kostner Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Wesley
North Lawndale - Christiana HS 1616 S Spaulding Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Amor de Dios
Paderewski 2221 S Lawndale Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Amor de Dios
Social Justice HS 3120 S Kostner Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Wesley
Amandla 6800 S Stewart Ave	1. Englewood 2. Faith 3. Rust Memorial 4. Greater Englewood Parish
Banneker 6656 S Normal Blvd	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Bass 1140 W 66th St	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish

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Brownell 6741 S Michigan Ave	1. Englewood 2. Kelly/Woodlawn 3. Rust Memorial
CICS - Washington Park 6105 S Michigan Ave	1. Englewood 2. Gorham 3. Rust Memorial
Dulles 6311 S Calumet Ave	1. Englewood 2. Gorham 3. Kelly/Woodlawn 4. Rust Memorial
Hinton 644 W 71st St	1. Englewood 2. Faith 3. Rust Memorial 4. Greater Englewood Parish
Kershaw 6450 S Lowe Ave	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Mays 838 W Marquette Rd	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Nicholson 6006 s Peoria St	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Noble Street - Englewood 6350 S Stewart Ave	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish

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Parker 6800 S Stewart Ave	1. Englewood 2. Faith 3. Rust Memorial 4. Greater Englewood Parish
Ross 6059 S Wabash Ave	1. Englewood 2. Gorham 3. Rust Memorial
Sherwood 245 W 57th St	1. Englewood 2. Gorham 3. Rust Memorial
Team Englewood 6201 S Stewart Ave	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Urban Prep - Englewood Men's HS 6201 S Stewart Ave	1. Englewood 2. Rust Memorial 3. Greater Englewood Parish
Yale 7025 S Princeton Ave	1. Englewood 2. Faith 3. Kelly/Woodlawn 4. Rust Memorial
Robeson HS 6835 S Normal Blvd	1. Englewood 2. Faith 3. Kelly/Woodlawn 4. Rust Memorial 5. Greater Englewood Parish
Deneen 7240 S Wabash Ave	1. Faith 2. Kelly/Woodlawn
Oglesby 7646	1. Faith 2. Grace Calvary

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Ruggles 7831 S Prairie Ave	1. Faith 2. Ingleside-Whitfield 3. St. Mark
Simeon HS 8147 S Vincennes Ave	1. Faith 2. New Gresham
Stagg 7424 S Morgan St	1. Faith 2. Grace Calvary
Westcott 409 W 80th St	1. Faith 2. New Gresham
Kipling 9351 S Lowe Ave	1. Fernwood 2. New Gresham 3. Wesley
Jones HS 606 S State St	1. First Temple 2. Urban Village
Noble - Muchin 1 N State St	1. First Temple 2. Urban Village
Phillips HS 244 E Pershing Rd	1. First Temple 2. Gorham 3. Hartzell Memorial/St. James 4. Urban Village
South Loop 1212 S Plymouth Ct	1. First Temple 2. Urban Village
Dyett HS 555 E 51st ST	1. Gorham 2. Hyde Park Korean
Sexton 6020 S Langley Ave	1. Gorham 2. Hyde Park Korean 3. Urban Village
Altgeld 1340 W 71st St	1. Grace Calvary 2. West Englewood

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Bond 7050 May St	1. Grace Calvary 2. Greater Englewood Parish
Cuffe 8324 S Racine Ave	1. Grace Calvary 2. New Gresham
Hyde Park HS 6220 S Stony Island Ave	1. Grace Calvary 2. Hyde Park Korean 3. Urban Village
Perspectives - Leadership Academy HS 8131 S May St	1. Grace Calvary 2. Hartzell Memorial/St. James
Avalon Park 8045 S Kenwood Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. Southlawn
Fermi 1415 E 70th St	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. South Shore
Hirsch HS 7740 S Ingleside Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. St. Mark
Madison 7433 S Dorchester Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. South Shore
Noble - Comer 7200 S Ingleside Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. Kelly/Woodlawn
Park Manor 7037 Rhodes Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. Kelly/Woodlawn
Revere 1010 E 72nd St	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. Kelly/Woodlawn
Shabazz - Shabazz 7823 S Ellis Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. St. Mark
South Shore Fine Arts 1415 E 70th	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. South Shore
Tanner 7350 S Evans Ave	1. Ingleside-Whitfield 2. Kelly/Woodlawn

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Morgan Park HS 1744 W Pryor Ave	1. Maple Park 2. Morgan Park 3. Trinity
Shoop 11140 S Bishop St	1. Maple Park 2. Morgan Park
Harlan HS 9652 S Michigan Ave	1. New Gresham 2. St. Mark 3. Wesley
Turner-Drew 9300 S Princeton Ave	1. New Gresham 2. Wesley
Burnside 650 E 91st Pl	1. St. Mark 2. Wesley
McDade 8801 S Indiana Ave	1. St. Mark 2. Wesley
Chicago Vocational HS 2100 E 87th St	1. Southlawn 2. South Shore
Mann 8050 S Chappel Ave	1. Southlawn 2. South Shore
Green, W 1150 W 96th St	1. Fernwood 2. Trinity
Canter 4959 S Blackstone Ave	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean
Harte 1556 E 56th St	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean 3. Urban Village
Kenwood HS 5015 S Blackstone Ave	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean
Kozminski 936 E 54th St	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean

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Murray 5335 S Kenwood Ave	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean 3. Urban Village
Ray 5631 Kimbark Ave	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean 3. Urban Village
Reavis 834 E 50th St	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean
Shoesmith 1330 E 50th St	1. United Church of Hyde Park 2. Hyde Park Korean
Evers 9811 S Lowe Ave	1. Fernwood 2. Wesley
Providence Englewood 6515 S Ashland Ave	1. West Englewood 2. Greater Englewood Parish
World Language HS 3120 S Kostner Ave	1. Clair Christian 2. Wesley
Carnegie 1414 E 61st Pl	1. Hyde Park Korean 2. Urban Village
Fiske 6145 S Ingleside Ave	1. Hyde Park Korean 2. Urban Village

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Chicago Northwest District United Methodist Church Church- School Comparison	
Schools	Churches within 1 mile
Clemente HS 1147 N Western Ave	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Grace of Logan Square 3. Humboldt Park
Aspira - Ramirez Computer Science 1711 N California Ave	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Humboldt Park
Columbus 1003 N Leavitt St	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Urban Village
De Diego 1313 N Claremont Ave	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Urban Village
De Duprey 2620 W Hirsch St	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Humboldt Park
Erie Chtr 1405 N Washtenaw Ave	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Humboldt Park
Moos 1711 N California Ave	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Humboldt Park
Pritzker 2009 W Schiller St	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Urban Village
Sabin 2216 W Hirsch St	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Urban Village
Yates 1839 N Richmond St	1. Adalberto Memorial 2. Humboldt Park
Amundsen HS 5110 N Damen Ave	1. African Community 2. Berry Memorial 3. Ravenswood Fellowship 4. Urban Village
Budlong 2701 W Foster Ave	1. African Community 2. Berry Memorial 3. First Vietnamese

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Chappell 2135 W Foster Ave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Urban Village</li> </ol>
Coonley 4606 N Leavitt St	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> </ol>
Courtenay 1726 W Berteau Ave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> <li>4. Urban Village</li> </ol>
McPherson 4728 N Wolcott Ave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> <li>4. Urban Village</li> </ol>
Ravenswood 4332 N Paulina St	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> <li>4. Urban Village</li> </ol>
Trumbull 5200 N Ashland Ave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. Epworth</li> <li>4. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> <li>5. Urban Village</li> </ol>
Waters 4540 N Campbell Ave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Community</li> <li>2. Berry Memorial</li> <li>3. First Vietnamese</li> <li>4. Ravenswood Fellowship</li> </ol>
Bateman 4220 N Richmond St	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor</li> <li>2. First Vietnamese</li> </ol>

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CICS - Irving Park 3820 N Spaulding Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel
Cleveland 3121 W Byron St	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. First Vietnamese
Henry 4250 N Saint Louis Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. First Vietnamese
Linne 3221 N Sacramento Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Grace of Logan Square
Marshall Middle 3900 N Lawndale Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. Irving Park
Murphy 3539 W Grace St	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. Irving Park
North River 4416 N Troy St	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. First Vietnamese
Roosevelt HS 3436 W Wilson Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Emanuel 3. First Vietnamese
Schurz HS 3601 N Milwaukee Ave	1. Bethany Riverview Pk/Jesus, El Buen Pastor 2. Irving Park
Alcott 2625 N Orchard St	1. Broadway 2. Parish of the Holy Covenant
Hawthorne 3319 N Clifton Ave	1. Broadway 2. Parish of the Holy Covenant

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Lake View HS 4015 N Ashland Ave	1. Broadway 2. Ravenswood Fellowship
Nettelhorst 3252 N Broadway St	1. Broadway 2. Parish of the Holy Covenant
CICS - Quest North Campus 1443 N Ogden Ave	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
Franklin 225 W Evergreen Ave	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
Jenner 1119 N Cleveland Ave	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
LaSalle 1734 N Orleans St	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
Lincoln 615 W Kemper Pl	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. Parish of the Holy Covenant
Lincoln Park HS 2001 N Orchard St	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. Parish of the Holy Covenant 3. St. Matthew
Manierre 1420 N Hudson Ave	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
Skinner North 640 W Scott St	1. Church of the Three Crosses 2. St. Matthew
Ebinger 7350 W Pratt Ave	1. Edison Park 2. New Hope
Edison Park 6220 N Olcott Ave	1. Edison Park 2. New Hope
Taft HS 6530 W Bryn Mawr Ave	1. Edison Park 2. El Redentor del Calvario/The Redeemer of Calvary 3. Elston Avenue 4. New Hope

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Aspira - Haugan Middle 3729 W Leland Ave	1. Emanuel 2. First Vietnamese
Belding 4257 N Tripp Ave	1. Emanuel 2. Irving Park
Disney II 3815 N Kedvale Ave	1. Emanuel 2. Irving Park
Haugan 4540 N Hamlin Ave	1. Emanuel 2. First Vietnamese
Hibbard 3244 W Ainslie St	1. Emanuel 2. First Vietnamese
Asian Human Services Chtr - Passages 1643 W Byrn Mawr Ave	1. Epworth 2. Granville Avenue 3. Urban Village
Goudy 5120 N Winthrop Ave	1. Epworth 2. Urban Village
McCutcheon 4865 N Sheridan Rd	1. Epworth 2. Urban Village
Peirce 1423 W Bryn Mawr Ave	1. Epworth 2. Granville Avenue 3. Urban Village
Rickover Military HS 5900 N Glenwood Ave	1. Epworth 2. Granville Avenue
Senn HS 5900 N Glenwood Ave	1. Epworth 2. Granville Avenue
Stewart 4525 N Kenmore Ave	1. Epworth 2. Ravenswood Fellowship 3. Urban Village
Swift 5900 N Winthrop Ave	1. Epworth 2. Granville Avenue

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Uplift HS 900 W Wilson Ave	1. Epworth 2. Urban Village
Aspira - Early College 3986 W Barry Ave	1. Grace of Logan Square 2. Irving Park
Brentano 2723 N Fairfield Ave	1. Grace of Logan Square 2. Humboldt Park
Darwin 3116 W Belden Ave	1. Grace of Logan Square 2. Humboldt Park
Funston 2010 N Central Park Ave	1. Grace of Logan Square 2. Humboldt Park
Reilly 3650 W School St	1. Grace of Logan Square 2. Irving Park
Hayt 1518 W Granville Ave	1. Granville Avenue 2. United Church of Rogers Park
Kilmer 6700 N Greenview Ave	1. Granville Avenue 2. United Church of Rogers Park
Sullivan HS 6631 N Bosworth Ave	1. Granville Avenue 2. Indo Park 3. United Church of Rogers Park
DePriest 139 S Parkside Ave	1. Hillside-Bellwood (NFS) 2. Mandell
Emmet 5500 W Madison St	1. Hillside-Bellwood (NFS) 2. Mandell
Armstrong, G 2110 W Greenleaf Ave	1. Indo Park 2. United Church of Rogers Park 3. West Ridge
Boone 6710 N Washtenaw Ave	1. Indo Park 2. West Ridge

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Chicago Northwest District United Methodist Church Church- School Comparison	
Chicago Math & Science Chtr 7212 N Clark St	1. Indo Park 2. United Church of Rogers Park 3. West Ridge
Decatur 7030 N Sacramento Ave	1. Indo Park 2. West Ridge
Field 1707 W Morse Ave	1. Indo Park 2. United Church of Rogers Park 3. West Ridge
Jordan 7414 N Wolcott Ave	1. Indo Park 2. United Church of Rogers Park 3. West Ridge
Rogers 7345 N Washtenaw Ave	1. Indo Park 2. West Ridge
Stone 6239 N Leavitt St	1. Indo Park 2. West Ridge
UNO - Northside (Galewood) 7416 N Ridge Ave	1. Indo Park 2. United Church of Rogers Park 3. West Ridge
West Ridge 6700 N Whipple St	1. Indo Park 2. West Ridge
Goldblatt 4257 W Adams St	1. Mandell 2. Olivet
Hefferan 4409 W Wilcox St	1. Mandell 2. Olivet
Legal Prep 4319 W Washington Blvd	1. Mandell 2. Olivet
Marconi 230 N Kolmar Ave	1. Mandell 2. Olivet

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Melody 412 S Keeler Ave	1. Mandell 2. Olivet
Sumner 4320 W 5th Ave	1. Mandell 2. Olivet
Stockton 4420 N Beacon St	1. Ravenswood Fellowship 2. Urban Village
Wells HS 936 N Ashland Ave	1. St. Matthew 2. Urban Village

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### Report From Recorder

#### *Definition of RJ:*

*When a person has committed an act that might be perceived an antisocial act, the tendency is to prosecute (put in jail. Throw away) Wants to meet and provide an opportunity for person to acknowledge what they have done and ask for forgiveness, in addition for peers, where young people have a way to reconcile with each other. Restores the alien, or lawbreaker back into the community.*

*Another chance to get it right, a second chance. Opportunity for everyone to work together to get it right.*

*Allows to step forward with someone who has separated themselves for others, Engagement without judgment.*

*After a neighborhood is cleaned up, they send in sanitation department and other agencies to physically clean the vacant lots, pick up garbage. Restore the community to a healthy place that people want to live.*

*It has to do with victim and perpetrator, Its always something going on with perpetrator's mind. Find out how madness started, take victim and perpetrator families down to see if we can resolve problems between two.*

*Nelson Mandela most clearly understood Restorative Justice. Chicago has to have chance on personal levels and also change institutions to help restorative justice.*

#### Post it note activity Highlights:

##### Group 1:

Loving, peaceful solution. Healing involves both perpetrator and victim. Love is needed for both

##### Group 2:

Reducing incarceration primary concern. Giving second chances

##### Group 3:

Second Chance. Get rid of zero tolerance (no such thing), everyone makes mistakes. Mercy on wrongdoers. Everybody needs someone, its all about the love.

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Group 4:

Breaking the cycle. Combining everything into a giant project. Someone commits a crime, no way to escape it, no opportunities are available, forced to go back to wrong. Break the cycle

Group 5:

Focus not on jail time but on restoring perpetrators. Destruction of drug laws.

Group 6: Collaborate together.

Group 7:

Breaking the cycle. Opportunities is the key way to restorative justice

Dawn Fox: wants community to come and work with churches

If we bring restorative justice to church it will help community and children from madness

Emily L: Clean streets, clean vacant lots, clean up neighborhood.

The church is a place that is known as the place people in the community can engage with community groups, and come for conversations, Conversational place for community, allows to safely engage in good conversation in a place of love

Calvin N: A Church and community that welcomes all young people the one they know and don't know, activities we approve and do not approve, church needs to listen to voice of young people about experiences both positive and negative. A place that welcomes people as they are not as we want them to be, to work with them so they will grow into kinds of people God wants them to be

Go out to community outside of building to welcome outsiders to church.

Restorative justice is turning things upside down, creating a situation where everyone can go, regardless of background and have equal opportunities. The church can come with other organizations to put pressure on powers to create an equal standing by all people. Education will not improve for half of Chicago until the same resources are put into south side and west side schools as those in wealthy neighborhoods.

### Report from Scribe/ Groups

- 21 - Second chance for everyone
- 11- Restructure the drug laws

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- 9 – Connect all people through collaboration- community and church
  - 8 – Break the cycle
  - 6- Give opportunities for all people
  - 4 – Reducing incarceration
  - 1 – Resolution between perpetrator and victim in a loving environment
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- Healing: drugs
  - Freedom (fewer in jail)
  - Conflict resolution
  - Self assessment (how are we culpable)
  - 7 - Reduce incarceration; 2<sup>nd</sup> chance with church leading
  - Just distribution of resources
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- More expungement; less punitive sentences; more resources for those imprisoned
  - 5 - Resolution between perpetrator and victim (loving. Listening)
  - Broader justice
  - Parable of the Prodigal Son
  - Forgiveness
  - 3 – Leads us into prisons and jails (becoming incubators for crime)
  - Equality
  - “Not throwing people away”
  - Restoration of mental health
- 
- Oversight of law makers
  - Strategic / Purpose
  - 2 - Conversation – every voice heard
  - 3 – Training church at training center
  - History – look at what we’ve done and what works (e.g. just peace)
  - Church as neutral environment outside of penal system
  - Hope and opportunities
  - Second chance – no zero tolerance; justice with mercy
- 
- Meet people where they are
  - Redistribution of resources
  - Peace bring together victim and perpetrator for forgiveness
  - Support loving and nurturing outside church
  - Prisons filled with black and brown disproportionately
  - Turnaround – how to make city safe
  - Connection with other churches; people in the neighborhood
  - Healing
  - Gentrification restorative infrastructure more resources in neighborhood
  - Second chance

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- Welcoming and working together to build up the community
  - “How do we bring them home?” Needs to start in each member’s heart
  - People need to relate to the present rather than the past
  - 2 - Create an equal playing field where everyone can be heard
  - 5 - Break the cycle
  - Forgiveness; chance after chance
  - *Engagement with our judgment*
  - Listening receptively
  - 12 - Restructuring our drug laws
  - 2ns chances/ conversations
  - Opportunity/ light of hope
  - Focusing more outside the walls
  - How to listen to someone in a different spirit
  - Reaching outside the church
  - Challenge your comfort zone
  - Allowing healing to happen
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- Forgiveness – preventing more victims
  - Patience – Listening to all parties
  - Opportunities – offender second chances
  - Kindness – showing love to the offender
  - Compassion – feel what offender is going through
  - Reflections - systemic contributors to the actions we do not approve of
  - Restoration of all above

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### Reporting from the Scribe

Notes from the Session on Food Deserts - There were 5 groups of about ten people each.

#### Group A

- 1) **6 - Neighborhood Gardens**
- 2) Teach Children to Garden and to Cook
- 3) Network with Resources
  - a. equipment
  - b. land
  - c. seeds

#### Group B

- 1) **7 - Self sustained community agriculture/and cooperatively run stores with local and fairly priced food.**
- 2) Composting facilities
- 3) Organic Foods
- 4) Availability of fresh fruits and vegetables
- 5) Food truck distribution
- 6) Food education and nutritional awareness

#### Group C

- 5) **14 - Nutritional Education**
- 6) Food Preparation classes
- 7) Read the Label/Ingredients
- 8) Food Choices
- 9) Budget for Food

#### Group D

- 1) Community Garden:
- 2) Every Church has a garden
- 3) Farmers Market (organic)
- 4) Political Activism for Farm Bill etc.

#### Group E

- 1) **6 - Education: "Back to Basics"**
  - Healthy Living
  - Healthy Food
  - Kitchen equipment to prepare food
  - How to use food and prepare food that is given out in food pantries

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- How to store food
- Love thy Neighbor
- How to grow food in urban areas (roof tops, balconies, small pots, raised beds)
- How to get food (accessibility, availability)
- Shared accountability (visual, safety quality pricing)

### Group F

- *12 - Church/Farm collaborations and church/food store*
- Move from charity to self-sufficiency
- Identify and utilize UM's in food service
- Big Chain (Food Stores) provide smaller stores in local communities
- Sister Church relationships
- Community or Church gardens
- Food trucks selling affordable food
- Looking/nutrition instructions (Kids feed themselves)
- How to feed a family well on a budget

### Reporting from the Groups

- Community Garden
- Stores – accountability (visual, safety, quality and pricing)
- Ethnic foods related to culture
- Engage in fund raising and awareness to help other churches/ community that have great need (Crop Walk)
- Use our land to garden and grow foods then distribute to inner city churches/ community based on need
- Greenhouse
- Visual and safety standards
- Keep p stores accountable for quality and pricing
- Partnership with local stores to better meet the needs
- Create a network with individual church food pantries
- Have weekly hot meals (soup kitchen)
- Can people walk to it? Accessibility
- Support of local farmers (legislatively – nationally; actual food not commodities)
- Church teach basics – how to grow. Teach congregants neighbors (PRACTICAL EDUCATION)
- Test soil
- Partner with Peterson Garden Project to help groups get started
- Teach people about healthy living
- How to use the food that is given out of the Food Pantry
- Make legislators actually grow food.





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#### Map & Listing of United Methodist Churches in the City of Chicago

Church Name	Community and/or Neighborhood	Pastor Name	Years Serving	Total Professing Members (Most Recent Reports)
<b>CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT</b>				
ADALBERTO MEMORIAL	Humboldt Park	Walter L. Coleman	16	120
AFRICAN COMMUNITY	Lincoln Square	Amos Oladipo	11	215
BERRY MEMORIAL	Lincoln Square	Romir Esguerra	2	107
BROADWAY	Lakeview	Lois Parr	5	263
CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES	Lincoln Park	John Hobbs	10	48
EDISON PARK	Edison Park	Victor Melad Jr.	2	113
EL REDENTOR del CALVARIO	Jefferson Park	Shirley Pulgar-Hughes	1	123
ELSTON AVENUE	Jefferson Park	Hannah Kardon	1	165
EMANUEL	Irving Park	Santiago Espada	8	14
EPWORTH	Edgewater	Carol Hill	1	77
FIRST VIETNAMESE	Albany Park	Christian Tung Van	10	83
GRACE OF LOGAN SQUARE	Logan Square	Mark Schol	3	82
GRANVILLE AVENUE	Edgewater	Kimberly Fisher	2	101
HUMBOLDT PARK	Humboldt Park	Ramon Nieves	4	93
INDO PAK	West Ridge	Ernest C. Singh	10	97
IRVING PARK	Irving Park	Katherine Paisley	2	100
IRVING PARK HISPANIC (NFC)	Irving Park	Cecilia Obret	7	35
JOURNEY COMMUNITY (NFC)	Lakeview	Daniel Park	6	25
JESUS EL BUEN PASTOR/BETHANY	Irving Park	Orlando Moller	12	140
MANDELL	Austin	Diane Bogues	2	118
NEW HOPE	Norwood Park	SoYoung Kim	3	78
OLIVET	Garfield Park	Donald Wright	10	94
PARISH OF THE HOLY COVENANT	Lakeview	Matthew Johnson	3	177
RAVENSWOOD FELLOWSHIP	Lincoln Square	Linda Misewicz-Perconte	4	155
RESURRECTION		Julie Fleurinor	2	126
ST. MATTHEW	Near North Side	Jacques Conway Daniel Park Thomas Rawlinson	1 1 1	384
UNITED OF ROGERS PARK	Rogers Park	Catiana McKay Wesley Patton Dorr	7 5	95
URBAN VILLAGE CHURCH (ANDERSONVILLE) (NFC)	Andersonville	Brittany Isaac	3	120
URBAN VILLAGE CHURCH (WICKER PARK) (NFC)	Wicker Park	Trey Hall	5	120
WEST RIDGE	West Ridge	Ernest C. Singh	10	77

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<b>CHICAGO SOUTHERN DISTRICT</b>				
AMOR DE DIOS	South Lawndale	Ramiro Rodriguez	7	43
ASHBURN HISPANIC (NFC)	Ashburn	Refugio Gonzalez	2	40
CHICAGO LAWN/ ROCA FUERTE (NFC)	West Lawn	Luis Vega	2	22
CLAIR-CHRISTIAN	North Lawndale	Dale Kelley	7	148
EAST SIDE	East Side	Jim Galuhn	2	355
ENGLEWOOD	Englewood	Harriette Cross	4	79
FAITH	Englewood	Audrea F. Nanabray	1	372
FERNWOOD	Washington Heights	Elliott Parker	1	100
FIRST UMC (CHICAGO TEMPLE)	Loop	Philip Blackwell Wendy Witt David Lagos-Fonseca	13 3 1	627
G2G (GENERATION TO GENERATION) (NFC)	East Side	Ayla Samson Zaki	2	35
GORHAM	Washington Park	Le-on Willis	1	167
GRACE-CALVARY	Auburn Gresham	Rodney C. Walker	5	118
GREATER ENGLEWOOD PARISH	Englewood	Crystal Calhoun	4	35
GREENSTONE	Pullman	Cynthia Moore	2	28
HARTZELL MEMORIAL/ST. JAMES	Douglas	Michelle Saunders	9	244
HYDE PARK KOREAN	Hyde Park	Mosung Eam	7	35
INGLESIDE-WHITFIELD	Greater Grand Crossing	Jacqueline P. Ford	4	126
KELLY/WOODLAWN	Woodlawn	Colleen M. Norman	7	170
LINCOLN	Pilsen	Walter L. Coleman	6	158
MAPLE PARK	West Pullman	Robert Biekman	2	233
MORGAN PARK	Morgan Park	Dennis Langdon	3	162
NEW GRESHAM	Auburn Gresham	Delian Stone	3	108
RUST MEMORIAL	Englewood	Harriette Cross	4	35
SOUTH SHORE	South Shore	Adonna Davis Reid	3	174
SOUTHLAWN	Avalon Park	Larry Pickens	2	308
ST. MARK	Chatham	P. Devon Brown Barbara Morgan	1 3	2,027
TRINITY	Beverly	Joseph Johnson	5	61
UNION AVENUE	New City	Annie Gonzales	4	52
UNITED CHURCH OF HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Larry Turpin	12	58
URBAN VILLAGE CHURCH (HYDE PARK/WOODLAWN) (NFC)	Hyde Park	Emily McGinley	2	35
URBAN VILLAGE CHURCH (SOUTH LOOP) (NFC)	Loop	Christian Coon	5	90
WEST ENGLEWOOD	West Englewood	Nolan R. Shaw	14	61
WESLEY	Chatham	Charles Woolery Sr.	1	178

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#### Totals:

- 69 faith communities in Chicago
- 42 community areas
- 56 pastors
- 9,949 active members (not including non-member attendees)

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Food Security Area								
Name	Church	Address	Email	Phone	Planning Events	Promoting Events	Research	Other
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Community Safety Congregational Assessment Steps**

***How is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?  
Congregational Self Assessment – Community Safety***

<b>Step/Color</b>	<b>At which step is your congregation engaged today?</b>	<b>What step(s) does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?</b>
<b>One/Purple</b>		
<b>Two/Blue</b>		
<b>Three/Orange</b>		
<b>Four/Navy</b>		
<b>Five/Green</b>		

*The basic step is to begin to pray for this area. In the grid above identify what areas your church is involved in as it relates to Community Safety. For example, an initial step could be reaching out to other Neighborhood Stakeholders to identify common concerns. An example of an advanced step could be participating in CPD's Court Advocacy Program.*

**Prayer**

**Step 1**

- Identify & meet community stakeholders
- Identify CS concerns via bulletin/newsletter
- ?????

**Understanding CS**

**Step 2**

- Host Community Meetings (block clubs)
- Lead Peace/Prayer Walks
- Designate church rep for local CAPS/DAC Meetings
- ????

**Supporting CS**

**Step 3**

- Offer Youth Programming
- Become part of a block club
- Provide Community Safety Meetings
- Participate in N'Hood Watch
- Facilitate a N'hood canvas
- ????

**Implementing CS**

**Step 4**

- Identify "problem" buildings
- Organize N'Hood Clean Up
- Support/host community festivals
- Organize a "phone tree"
- N'Hood Garden
- Host a G.R.E.A.T. Program Event
- ????

**Promoting CS**

**Step 5**

- Advocate for changing laws that impact community safety
- Write letters to elected officials
- Participate in Court Advocate Program
- ????

**Advocating for CS**

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Education & Literacy Congregational Assessment Steps

*How is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?  
Congregational Self - Assessment Education & Literacy*

Step/Color	At which step is your congregation engaged today?	What step(s) does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?
One/Purple		
Two/Blue		
Three/Orange		
Four/Navy		
Five/Green		

*The basic step is to begin to pray for this area. In the table above identify what step your church is involved in as it relates to Education & Literacy. For example, an initial step could be a "Safe Passage" for children. An example of an advanced step could be working with a community organization to impact legislative decisions regarding education.*

**Prayer**

<p align="center"><b>Step 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate public school educators</li> <li>• Share news about local school in bulletin</li> <li>• Attend events at local school</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donate backpacks w/ supplies</li> <li>• Volunteer to read with children</li> <li>• Participate in "Safe Passage"</li> <li>• Volunteer for special activities</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual worship service to honor educators</li> <li>• Host teacher dinners</li> <li>• Provide parents classes</li> <li>• Volunteer "child watch"</li> <li>• Mentor/Rites of passage ministry</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe space/After-school/ out of school / programming</li> <li>• Crisis Intervention Team member</li> <li>• Become a Community School Initiative Partner Inst.</li> <li>• Create an alternative school</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer for Local School Council</li> <li>• Write to Legislators for ample &amp; equitably distributed &amp; school funding</li> <li>• Advocate with parents for school reform</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>
Knowing the school near your church	Partnering with a local public school	Honoring Teachers Supporting Parents	Partnering with School District	Advocating for Improved Public Education

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Restorative Justice Congregational Assessment Steps**

***How is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?  
Congregational Self Assessment – Restorative Justice***

<b>Step/Color</b>	<b>At which step is your congregation engaged today?</b>	<b>What step(s) does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?</b>
<b>One/Purple</b>		
<b>Two/Blue</b>		
<b>Three/Orange</b>		
<b>Four/Navy</b>		
<b>Five/Green</b>		

*The basic step is to begin to pray for this area. In the grid above identify what areas your church is involved in as it relates to Restorative Justice. For example, an initial step could be preaching a sermon series on Restorative Justice. An example of an advanced step could be working creating an ex-offender community re-integration program.*

**Prayer**

<p><b>Step 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preach sermons on RJ</li> <li>• Conduct study groups on RJ</li> <li>• Receive RJ training</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Understanding RJ</p>	<p><b>Step 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate RJ Discussions in your church</li> <li>• Adopt circles as a means to facilitate church discussions</li> <li>• Support RJ Programs (e.g. Kairos)</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Supporting RJ</p>	<p><b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate community circles in your church</li> <li>• Work with local school to facilitate a Peer Jury</li> <li>• Create a Prison Visitation Ministry</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Implementing RJ</p>	<p><b>Step 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create ex-offender Re-integration Program</li> <li>• Provide transitional programming for ex-offenders</li> <li>• Partner with local business chamber to provide jobs for ex-offenders</li> <li>• Provide resources for mediation &amp; conferencing</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Promoting RJ</p>	<p><b>Step 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for changing systems when they create “ham”</li> <li>• Advocate for “decriminalizing” school misconduct</li> <li>• Advocate for sentencing equitability</li> <li>• Advocate for de-privatization of prisons</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Advocating for RJ</p>
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Food Security Congregational Assessment Steps**

*How is Your Congregation Putting Legs on Its Prayers?  
Congregational Assessment Food Security*

<b>Step/Color</b>	<b>At which step is your congregation engaged today?</b>	<b>What step(s) does your church plan to make an impact on the community two years from now?</b>
<b>One/Purple</b>		
<b>Two/Blue</b>		
<b>Three/Orange</b>		
<b>Four/Navy</b>		
<b>Five/Green</b>		

*The basic step is to begin to pray for this area. In the grid above identify what areas your church is involved in as it relates to Food Security. For example, an initial step could be a "feeding ministry". An example of a more advanced step could be working with local business associations to bring a affordable good restaurants to your community.*

**Prayer**

<p align="center"><b>Step 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeding Ministry</li> <li>• Shelter &amp; Day Ministry</li> <li>• Mobile Feeding Ministry</li> <li>• ?????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Pantry</li> <li>• Food Banks</li> <li>• Kid's Back Pack Program</li> <li>• Low-cost buying programs</li> <li>• ?????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Drives</li> <li>• Prepared food salvage</li> <li>• Produce (gardens &amp; gleaning)</li> <li>• Fund Raisers</li> <li>• School Meals</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNAP (food stamps)</li> <li>• WIC Program (women, infants and children)</li> <li>• Job Training</li> <li>• Food &amp; Nutrition Skills</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Step 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Food Deserts</li> <li>• Affordable – good restaurants</li> <li>• Access to Farmer's Markets &amp; local produce</li> <li>• Community Gardens sustainable farms</li> <li>• Advocacy Groups</li> <li>• Government Anti- hunger agencies</li> <li>• ????</li> </ul>
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Response to  
"I need to eat now"

Response to  
"I need to feed my family"

Response to  
"Need for Donation Programs"

Response to  
"Ending Hunger"

Response to  
"Advocating for Justice"

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### Chicago Urban Strategy Alignment with NIC Harvest 2.0 Congregational Growth and Community Engagement Focus

Harvest 2.0 Plan				
New Faith Communities, Congregational Growth, Healthy Churches & Discipleship and Community Engagement				
CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH STRATEGIES (Healthy Churches & Discipleship)	STRATEGY/INITIATIVE	FOCUS AREA	EXISTING, EMERGING & POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS	GOALS & MEASURABLE OUTCOMES
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Areas of Overlap</div>	<i>Strengthening the Black Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBC 21 Church Growth Focus               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 1 New Church Start per year over next 10 years</li> <li>2) Existing church growth by 10%</li> </ol> </li> <li>• SBC21 Youth and Young Adult Focus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>SBC21 Initiative</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funding</li> <li>2. Training Events</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <i>GETS Partnership</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Field Education Student Placement Partnership (for vocational formation &amp; church leadership)</li> <li>2. Specific Resourcing/ Capacity Building Opportunities (e.g., Community Organizing, Capacity Building, Asset Mapping)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <i>Urban/ Suburban Church Partnerships</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TBD</li> <li>• Others</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in Vital Congregations Measures (specifically Total Members, Worship Attendance, Professions of Faith, Small Group Participation)</li> <li>• Other Measurable Outcomes</li> </ul>
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES	<i>Chicago Urban Strategy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>SBC21 Urban Ministry Focus</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Safety</li> <li>2. Education &amp; Literacy</li> <li>3. Restorative Justice</li> <li>4. Food Security</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Urban/ Suburban Church Partnerships</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TBD</li> <li>• Others</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Increase in Vital Congregations Measures (specifically Disciples Engaging in Mission and Giving/ Sharing to missions)</i></li> <li>• <i>Create Chicago Urban Strategy focus areas</i></li> <li>• <i>Measure performance benchmarks via Church Charge/Conferences</i></li> <li>• Engage all Chicago Churches in Chicago Urban Strategy "at some level"</li> <li>• Continued engagement of a diverse group</li> <li>• Other Measurable outcomes</li> </ul>
	<i>Other Urban Strategies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on specific community concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on specific community concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in Vital Congregations Measures</li> <li>• Create benchmarks for strategy focus areas</li> <li>• Other Measurable outcomes</li> </ul>