

Preconvention Institute—Thursday, November 12, 2015 (3.0 CEUs)—Half-day Session  
9:00am-12:00pm

## ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation, Grand Rapids, MI) *"Respect, Opportunity and Beauty: The Three Currencies of Shalom Communities"*

**Abstract:** Building communities of shalom requires a humble commitment to the hard work of transforming the brokenness of community structures, practices, laws and human behavior. In that “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” we must work to see God’s reconciling grace make all things new. This workshop will define strategies through which urban revitalization and adult learning and empowerment services can be successfully merged to yield thriving communities and broader life achievement for all its residents.

**Outline:** Topics to be addressed and timeline.

9:00 to 9:15am	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 to 9:30am	Survey of American Housing Policy and Practice
9:30 to 10:00am	Social Work Theory and Shalom Building: Getting There From Here <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing deficiencies in Social Work Practice</li><li>• The Importance of Housing in Goal Fulfillment</li><li>• Life cohesiveness and complete communities</li></ul>
10:00 to 10:15am	Jesus, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Paul: The Bible on Housing and Neighborhood Transformation
10:00 to 10:20am	Holistic Housing Ministry: The Role of Three Core Biblical Values in Creating Communities of Shalom.
10:20 to 10:35 am	Core Objectives in Housing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curriculum planning and design for adult learning</li><li>• Strengths based Empowerment Strategies—Housing success yields broader life accomplishment</li></ul>
10:35 to 10:50am	Challenging Economic Oppression <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lending discrimination is real</li><li>• Why should it be challenged</li><li>• How to take on Goliath</li></ul>
10:55 to 11:15am	A Ministry of Community Planning and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shaping the built environment as if people mattered</li><li>• Economic Diversity ensures strength</li><li>• Mixture of Uses ensures perpetual presence and safety</li><li>• Design Integrity communicates respect</li></ul>

11:15 to 11:25am	Public Policy Intervention as a Ministry Tool
11:25 to 11:30am	Summary and Conclusions
11:30 to 12:00noon	Q & A – discussion

**Learning Objectives:** *As a result of this presentation participants will be able to:*

1. Describe the checkered record of US housing policy as to benefiting the consumer
2. Articulate biblical principles that define and guide shalom building and relate them to practice methodologies.
3. Summarize the relationship of physical design to human well-being
4. Demonstrate a new or refreshed understanding of adult learning preferences
5. Show skills in identifying housing deficiency as an obstacle to successful social work practice.

**Primary Audience:** Social workers and related professionals; social work students; human services professionals; clergy

**Content Level:** Beginner/Intermediate

**Number of Continuing Education Contact Hours:** 3.0

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