

Healthy Church Initiative Workshop



Leader's Guide

(Outline of Workshop)

Knowing Your Neighborhood

Material:

- Newsprint to cover tables
- Crayons (8 to a pack boxes)

- Laptop
- LCD Projector
- HCI Power Point – Know Your Neighborhood
- Table holders for signs
- Neighborhood signs
- Greeter
- Smile ☺

Setting Up Your Area

- Set up your area with at least 10 – 15 tables and chairs. No more than eight chairs to the table.
- Cover the tables with newsprint.
- Place table holders on each table with Neighborhood signs.

I. Getting Started (5 minutes)

- Assign a greeter to be at the door entrance of the workshop and give each participant a crayon of a different color and ask them to “find” to their assign color neighborhood.
- Once everyone is in the workshop, introduce yourself and your position. For example, *Good evening my name is Rev. John Smith pastor of XYZ UMC and my name is Kim Jones lay leader of ABC UMC. Welcome to the Knowing Your Neighborhood Workshop apart of the Healthy Church Initiative.*
- Explain to participants that they are now apart of a new neighborhood for next two hours. The persons that they are with are their “new” neighbors and close friends and they will be working together as a team for the rest of the workshop.

II. Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

- Have each participant introduce themselves and answer the following question in their neighborhood groups. Q: What is your church known for in the neighborhood?
- Some answers may vary. For example: *Hello my name is David Grimes, I am from DEF UMC in Milford, DE. My church is known for their Summer Fish Dinner’s that is held each 4th of July.*

III. Neighborhood Video Clip (5 minutes)

- Show video clip of interview, asking the following question:
 - Hey do you know where XYZ UMC is?
- Neighborhood Discussion
 - After the video clip have groups answer the following question in their neighborhood:
 - What kind of congregation does this community need?

IV. Biblical Background (20 – 25 minutes)

- a. As a group read the Prayer of Illumination, UMH p.6
 - i. Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and the Word proclaim we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.
- b. Ruth 1:1-22; 2:1-23, NIV
 - i. Read together as a group or ask for a volunteer to read the passages on the Power Point slides.
 - ii. For breakdown of the text please see attachment “Ruth Breakdown.”
 - iii. During the Neighborhood Discussion time you may take at least 2 – 3 answers from group if time permits.
- c. Acts 7:16-28, 32-34, NIV
 - i. Read together as a group or ask for a volunteer to read the passages on the Power Point slides.
 - ii. For breakdown of text please see attachment “Acts Breakdown.”
 - iii. During the Neighborhood Discussion time you may take at least 2 – 3 answers from group if time permits.

V. Activity – Drawing Your Neighborhood (20 minutes)

- a. Explain to the group that at the center of their neighborhoods there is a church. Ask groups to draw their neighborhood around the church. This is a group activity and everyone can draw what is around their church in their neighborhood/or community.
 - i. Give at least 10 – 15 minutes for the drawing.
- b. Neighborhood Discussion:
 - i. What did you discover?
 - ii. What was there that you didn't see?
 - iii. What is not there that the community cries out for?

VI. Mission Insite (10 – 15 minutes)

- a. Introduce new resource tool that the conference office will be using with partnership with Congregational Development.
- b. Also, explain that in the Spring 2011 HCI workshop – Connect with Your Neighborhood we will be using this resource.
- c. Refer to Power Point slides

VII. What can I do when I go back? (20 minutes)

- a. Sharing quick 30 minute activities that churches can do when they go back to their neighborhoods.
- b. These activities will be able to help local churches begin the process in getting to know their neighborhood.
 - i. Refer to PowerPoint slides

- ii. Also, during these slides allow groups to ask questions if time permits.

VIII. Closing (10 minutes)

- a. The People in Your Neighborhood
 - i. Ask the group if they remember the song, “The People in Your Neighborhood - A Song from Sesame Street?
(Answers may vary)
 - ii. Now, show the Youtube clip of The People in Your Neighborhood.
 - iii. After, the clip, ask each participate to please stand up and push in their chair and get their singing voices ready.
 - iv. All together on the count of 1, 2, 3 begin singing....
 1. Refer to Power Point slides
 - v. Thank each participate for coming to the Healthy Church Initiative Workshop.