



# Building an Inclusive Church

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WASHBURN, WI

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Reconciling Ministries Network  
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**Welcoming Community Network**

## Location

[Messiah Lutheran Church](#)

231 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Washburn, WI 54891

713.373.5378

<http://messiahwashburn.org>

The training takes place from 9:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, March 10, at Messiah Lutheran in Washburn, Wisconsin.

This condensed, intense one-day training is great day for congregational teams and interested individuals to gain the basics of graceful engagement to build an inclusive church. As the church engages rapid changes in society, this training will be useful for:

- Congregations just beginning conversation about explicit welcome for LGBTQ people and their families.
- Congregations who may be Reconciling in Christ but are looking to renew, refresh or deepen their welcome and conversation about welcome

Participants will be equipped with a tool-kit for assessing the congregational timeline and readiness, and trained in graceful engagement techniques that would be helpful for any congregational conversations that involved deep listening and reconciling.

**Registration deadline: February 24, 2012**

**[www.WelcomingResources.org/communityorg.htm](http://www.WelcomingResources.org/communityorg.htm)**

## Lodging

Participants are responsible for reserving their hotel rooms.

## Other Housing Options

Limited host housing may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort to assist with transportation to and from the church will be made, but cannot be guaranteed. Participants requesting host housing should check the box on the registration form indicating that request. If needed, ground transportation to and from host housing will be provided.

## Food

Lunch provided. Please note dietary restrictions on your registration form.

## Fees

Registration, including meals and materials: \$30.00

Scholarship (\$30.00) available upon request to cover registration with hosted housing if necessary. Local transportation is on your own or up to local hosts. Written information of need should accompany registration via email to [admin@lcna.org](mailto:admin@lcna.org) or postal mail to LC/NA, PO Box 4707, Saint Paul, MN 55104.

Donations for sponsorship of a scholarship (\$30) or portion thereof for this or another Welcoming Church Program Training will be gladly accepted. Please mark on registration form.

## Recommended Reading

Each participant is requested to obtain and read a copy of ***Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing*** by Dennis A Jacobsen. This book, available online for about \$14 from [Amazon](http://Amazon), will enable you to understand more quickly the organizing concepts used in the training.

## Registration

Register and pay online.

Download mail-in registration form.

**Registration deadline:** February 24, 2012.

**Cancellation fee:** \$15. No refunds after the registration deadline.

## Registration Confirmation

You will receive a registration confirmation e-mail (make sure you give us an e-mail address) or regular mail (if you do not have e-mail access).

## What to bring?

Well rested body, mind and spirit

Your favorite writing implement

Casual clothing and one church-going outfit

A little extra cash or check book for buying additional resources

**(See Registration Form below)**

