



INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Program Calendar 2022-2023

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

The Institute for Community Engagement (ICE) serves faith-inspired leaders within organizations, and churches across Canada, the United States, and around the globe. ICE provides space for reflection, learning, and collaborative support toward holistic engagement with people on the margins in enacting transformational community change.

Journeying with senior and emerging leaders, pastors, community facilitators and project managers, ICE provides dynamic **continuing studies courses**, collaborative **leadership discussion groups** and timely **keynote speakers**. Each program endeavours to help leaders activate personal mission for holistic engagement with people who live lives on the margins of their community.

Within the pages of this brochure you will learn about three of our program offerings:

- Certificate in Faith-Based Community Development offered through University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies
- Flexion Leadership Discussion Groups for small group conversations and learning
- Relevant talks for faith-based leaders within national and global organizations

We invite you to explore what ICE can offer you and your organization or church this year. Should you have any questions please contact us at wycliffe.ice@utoronto.ca.

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FLEXION: LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION GROUPS

About the Flexion: Flexion links faith-inspired leaders across Canada, the USA, and the globe to discuss and respond to the risks and opportunities facing their organizations.

Prior to each session participants are assigned two topical articles and come prepared to discuss them within a cohort of 10-20 other leaders.

Flexion groups are divided into two tracks: one for participants with 5+ years of Senior Leadership experience, and another for emerging leaders who are progressively engaging with new strategic responsibilities.

Our offerings for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Wednesday September 21, 2022

Engaging your Board in Fundraising

Wednesday December 7, 2022

Balance: Integrating your Work and your Life

Wednesday February 1, 2023

Managing Conflict for Organizational Change

Wednesday June 7, 2023

Decision-Making in Faith-Inspired Organizations

The cost of for all four sessions is \$75 (CAD).

All sessions will be for 60 minutes and will begin at the following times:

8 am (Pacific), 10 am (Central),

11 am (Eastern), and 4pm (Western Europe)

Request more information here:

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LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP: RELEVANT TALKS FOR FAITH-BASED LEADERS

Lessons On Leadership: ICE provides opportunities for organizational and church leaders to **learn** from experts, **reflect** on their current context and **plan** to address significant community and organizational issues. For the program's inaugural year topics include: "Fundraising in Economic Uncertainty" and "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Faith-Based Organizations." These events will draw on the field-tested experience of professionals, provide replicable tools and invite input from a variety of contexts.

Our offerings for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Wednesday November 16, 2022

Leading Fundraising through Economic Uncertainty

Wednesday March 29, 2023

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Faith-Based Organizations

The cost of each talk is \$30 (CAD).

All sessions will be for 75 minutes and will begin at the following times:

11 am (Pacific), 1 pm (Central),

2 pm (EST), and 7 pm (Western Europe)

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CERTIFICATE IN FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

About the Certificate: Develop new skills to help your faith-inspired organizations and churches navigate, design, and implement transformative change. Church and organizational leaders directly face the opportunities and challenges of their neighbourhoods, towns, and cities in Canada, USA and around the world. Learn to employ tools and practices to strengthen your organizational effectiveness, community resilience, and partnerships. Whether you're an experienced leader, a seasoned agent of social change, or a budding activist, join our community for faith-inspired dialogue and learning. You'll gain valuable insights, access to the latest resources and tools, and strengthen your vocational networks while feeding your soul!

This certificate is presented in collaboration with [Wycliffe College](#) and University of Toronto's [School of Continuing Studies](#) who provide you with your certificate.

What You'll Learn:

- Build resilient organizations
- Fund programs for sustainability
- Engage with community assets
- Practice effective learning facilitation
- Empower staff, board and volunteers
- Root initiatives in Biblical principles

Benefits:

- Connect with expert practitioners and fellow leaders
- Reflect upon the interaction of faith, values, leadership and strategy
- Apply insights, tools and resources to your own organizations and community settings

Requirements: Complete six courses over an 18-24 month period. Each course requires 15-hours of work over a 6-week period. You will be required to attend three 2-hour online sessions with learning colleagues from Canada, the United States and around the globe. Participants will complete a community specific action plan for moving your organization beyond theory into practice.

The cost of each course is \$175 (CAD).

You will find course descriptions on the next page.

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CERTIFICATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Description
Leading Resilient Faith-Based Organizations and Churches October 3 to November 9, 2022	This course builds critical skills, so that you can better lead non-profits, community, and church organizations. We know that leadership of faith-based organizations (FBOs) has always required a mix of vision, knowledge, attitudes, and skills. These days, societal upheaval, cultural shifts, and crises have heightened the essential role of healthy FBOs and resilient community organizations for urban wellbeing. Join other community organizers and faith leaders to explore how to affirm your mission, build iterative strategy, and roll out adaptive programming.
Asset-Based Community Development January 16 to February 24, 2023	Gain a practical overview of Assets-Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD tells us that our local communities already have the tools and assets essential for building and strengthening our local capacities. With the knowledge, tools, and practices of ABCD, you'll learn how to better equip your organization to align with and encourage community assets. You'll create and validate a community assessment report which practices ABCD. Your report will reflect the aspirations, assets, limitations, and solutions within your local community.
Art of Facilitation: Introduction to Transformative Learning April 3 to May 12, 2023	Every community developer and faith practitioner is at heart committed to transformational teaching. You aim to unleash competencies in people to change their local community. Join us to explore the learning made possible when community members are treated with respect, feel safe to explore new ideas, and are encouraged to apply new learning to their present context. We'll engage the theory and practice of adult learning. We'll practice the facilitation of trainings and meetings, and use facilitation to encourage community peace and well-being.
Empowering Faith-Based Staff, Boards and Volunteers June 5 to July 14, 2023	Staff, volunteers, and board members must be recruited, coached for performance, and transitioned appropriately in order to achieve a non-profit's mandate. The focus of this course is upon developing the systems and skills required to manage and coach an organization's people into accomplishing your organization's mission. Through course participants will draft an action plan and which supports people accomplishing their work in God's Kingdom.
Fundraising for Sustainable Faith-Based Organizations October 2023	Together we'll explore the art and science, and the challenges and possibilities, of fundraising for small and medium-sized non-profits and faith-based organizations (FBOs). We'll examine real-life case studies of community organizations and non-profits, and we'll include the course participants' own organizations. Join us as we explore, learn, and apply resource development practices. You'll leave this course with the ability to engage the tools required to maximize fundraising from donors and institutions.
Community Transformation: Theory and Models January 2024	This course provides an overview to the core issues, approaches and players for faith-inspired practitioners towards holistic community development. As an overview to the theory and models of community development organizations, this course helps leaders build a platform for their engagement community organizations and churches. Theories and models are examined which assess and address the local nature and dynamics of poverty, participation, power and community ownership.