



2021 C2 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATION

Cultivating Leaders at the Intersection of
Church and Community



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February 9, 2021

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of California, it is my pleasure to join Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) as a speaker on the celebration of their 2021 C2 Leadership Institute Graduation.

FACE's mission as a non-profit organization, is to serve as a liaison between faith-based organizations, the public and private sectors, and the Asian American community to increase access and resources to underrepresented communities throughout Los Angeles County.

FACE's other activities include, advocating on legislation on specific policy areas, making referrals to individuals and families on mental health assistance, hosting homeownership classes and fairs, developing a Youth Emerging Leaders Program, and offering trainings for church, non-profit organizations and individuals to develop essential skills to grow and thrive in today's society.

I join you in applauding the fellows on their graduation and commend the board of directors and staff of FACE for its success and extend my best wishes for a memorable event.

In Peace and Friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Fiona Ma", written in a cursive style.

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FACE C2 Leadership Institute 2021 Fellows



Rev. Brian Belting (Kailua UMC - Kailua, HI)
Project | Land Development

The C2 Leadership Institute was a comprehensive training. I gained skills, resources and connections to empower my ministry and congregation to deepen the ways we serve and partner with the community.



Pastor Bailey Brawner (Mission Hills UMC - San Diego)
Project | The Voyage: An LGBTQIA+ Meetup

The C2 Leadership Fellowship has empowered me to take risks, gain new tools, and shine my light in ways that are vital for the Church to survive and thrive.



Pastor VJ Cruz-Baez (La Plaza UMC - Los Angeles)
Project | God Is in The Graffiti

C2 provided me with a lot of excellent resources. It is interesting how much good work is apparently happening 'out there' to benefit marginalized sectors of our society about which not many people know (at least not in my circle.)



Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin (Inglewood First UMC - Inglewood)
Project | Building USA Home

C2 guided me to build a concrete vision for my congregation to re-engage our community in the 21st century. With the wisdom and networks gained from C2, the church can truly fulfill the Gospel's mandate to lift up "the least of these."



Pastor Suzana Kim (Wilshire UMC - Los Angeles)
Project | Intersecting Church & Community Through Education

John Wesley stated that there is no religion but social religion. C2 Leadership is aligned with the Christian ideals of working with and for community and is effective in equipping leaders for greater impact and resourcefulness.



Pastor Monalisa Siofele Lolohea (Trinity UMC - Pomona)
Project | Bridging the Gap

I am grateful. Receiving the feedback, support, and encouragement reaffirmed my call to serve the young people-- and how to continually make serving better. I appreciated how all of the presentations helped me also see how/what/when/where to improve on my own and what I can continue to work on as a funder/grantee.



Rev. Mandy McDow (Los Angeles First UMC - Los Angeles)
Project | Ecclesiology & Economics: Practical Theology of Land Use

The C2 Cohort has shifted my pastoral focus from relying on our internal resources to exploring external resources. Pastors have been trained to shepherd our flocks, but C2 has encouraged me to talk with people in different industries about the best ways to care for, provide, and nurture my congregation. Rather than seeing politics and institutions as “other,” we have been invited to unite our concerns, so that we can work for the sake of creating the Beloved Community together.



Rev. Sunyoung Park (Hope UMC of Torrance - Torrance)
Project | Faith-Based Anti-Racism Movement

C 2 has given me tools to connect to the stakeholders of the broader community and it enlarged my leadership capacity!



Rev. Kurt Poland (First German UMC - Glendale)
Project | The Broken Middle Podcast

The C2 Leadership has put partners on my civic map that I would never have discovered on my own. That work has inspired a major shift in my focus with The Broken Middle Podcast. I look forward to working with FACE going forward.



Rev. Alex Powell (New Beginnings UMC - San Bernardino)
Project | Strategic Plan for Community Outreach

C2 helped me realize that there are more organizations than I thought that will work churches because of the trust and ability to communicate with our constituents. It is one of the big bonuses pastors have and an easy thing to give in partnership with groups. C2 leadership institute has been a huge help for my ministry and in my ability to be a leader in the community.



Rev. Brent Ross (Normal Heights United, San Diego)
Project | Normal Heights Community Hub

The C2 Leadership Program was a jump-start to our community partnerships, and made so much possible for us....the sky is the limit with how we can now serve and love our neighbors!



Rev. Ken Walden (Holman UMC - View Park)
Project | Spiritual Road to Physical-Emotional Wellness

The C2 Leadership Institute empowers religious leaders to expand their pastoral tools for the improvement of communities that are usually neglected. God's blessings upon this program!



Rev. John Mark Wang (Cornerstone UMC - Placentia)
Project | Outreach to Young Families Outreach to Young Families

The C2 Leadership Institute taught me how to apply for grants, create new partnerships with financial institutions and retail stores, and shine my light in the community!



Rev. Gary Bernard Williams (Saint Mark UMC - Los Angeles)
Project | Manna House: Building Community Through Food & Service

The C2 Institute has poured a wealth of knowledge in me through inspiring speakers and presentations, because of C2 I've gained a better understanding of how important fundraising and networking really are to my success.



Pastor Lisa Williams (San Pedro UMC - San Pedro)
Project | Community Kitchen

C2 Leadership has provided me with new innovative ways to think about leading creatively, courageously and continuing the work of connecting with the community.



Rev. Won-Seok Yuh (Harris UMC - Honolulu, HI)
Project | Hale Selah Space for Pause

The C2 Leadership Institute program brought us the tools, the know-how, and the relationships to access resources that can help more quickly meet the current needs of our communities.

2021 Fellows Project Pitch

Rev. Brian Belting | Land Development

(Kailua UMC - Kailua, HI)

Kailua UMC has been committed to serving the Windward community since 1927. With a rare four acres of beautiful green space overlooking the Kawaii Nui Marsh and ancient Ulupo Haiau, there is an opportunity to renew our community outreach efforts. For the past ten years, a key 2-acre parcel of our land has sat underutilized. We are currently working closely with Kauluakalana, a neighboring non-profit that connects our Kailua community to the ground and teaches about the cultural context of the neighboring Ulupo Haiau. Together, we are envisioning better use of our property and space. KUMC's goal is to further our work with Kauluakalana, as well as incorporate others who share the desire to connect our community to the land's beauty and history. Please partner with us to dream and vision on how to meet the needs of Kailua.

Pastor Bailey Brawner | The Voyage: An LGBTQIA+ Meetup

(Mission Hills UMC - San Diego)

My name is Rev. Bailey Brawner and I'm the senior pastor at MHUMC in San Diego. I am also an LGBTQIA+ activist and educator, and a digital creator with a community of over 50,000 on platforms like TikTok and other social media platforms. I'm working with my church to run a networking group called The Voyage, which provides community and advocacy to over 40 queer people of faith around California and throughout the United States and Canada. We're working to branch further to provide learning opportunities and networking moving forward to better serve the queer community in San Diego and beyond, including a digital retreat happening at the end of March. Our current need is funding the digital retreat, and namely providing scholarships for those who need this community but can't afford the registration fee. We are planning to have at least 100 attendees this year, and I'd love to talk to you further about how you may be willing to provide a scholarship or two (or ten) to The Voyage, at \$30 each, to give a once in a lifetime opportunity to an LGBTQIA+ young adult.

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin | Building USA Home

(Inglewood First UMC - Inglewood)

Inglewood First UMC is building a hub of hope and healing in the heart of the City of Inglewood. A vital fixture in the City of Inglewood for more than 115 years, we are in the midst of a rebirth. We are endeavoring to build more than 50 units of low-income housing and work with our community partners, FACE, LA Voice and the LA Philharmonic Orchestra (among others) to provide on-site workforce, youth and community development. Through affordable housing and a center for community development, we are being born again for 2021 and beyond. We invite you to partner with us to join in Inglewood's resurrection.

Pastor VJ Cruz-Baez | God Is in The Graffiti (La Plaza UMC - Los Angeles)

God is in the Graffiti seeks to promote the development of urban, underserved young people. We create and facilitate change through the use of art as an instrument to address issues affecting both local communities and the world. With the involvement of professionals from diverse fields, we become bridge builders through which the expression of the different voices and experiences become to be and coexist. Beyond the vital conversations, we offer outdoor living art sessions, during which artists and public interact. Also, some of the art has been curated into a traveling exhibit ready to be displayed wherever is requested. Supported in the past by volunteers from our faith community, funding and advisors from the General Commission on Religion and Race, we are now teaming with leaders from the community to create a 501c3. This will put in place a structure which dynamically plan, resource, and reinvest in young people and underserved communities. Some groups that have partnered with us are: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, New Urbanism Film Festival, Christian Community Developers, Angel Films, Fuller Seminary- Urban Immersion Class, California Pacific Annual Conference, The United Methodist Women at their National level, and the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. We are looking forward to new developments, one of which is our first fundraiser event in December 2021. It will be a Silent Auction in which we will promote the artwork created on previous events. We count on more than 15 beautiful and meaningful art pieces to be displayed for public appreciation and contribution. I certainly look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Suzana Kim | Intersecting Church & Community Through Education (Wilshire UMC - Los Angeles)

I am the Associate Pastor at Wilshire UMC but I have essentially been in ministry my whole life as a pastor's kid and a pastor's wife. When I was a child, church was the community center and where I went for Korean language classes. Over the years, the unfortunate trend I've seen in churches is the withdrawal from engagement with the wider community. I believe the church should be the community center where neighbors, especially those who are underserved, could find help and services. In response to that need, we are launching an Educational Initiative to intersect the church with community by providing educational resources, professional development and lifelong learning opportunities. We hope to accomplish our mission through online speaker series, certification courses and college-level instruction through partnerships with local colleges. We are currently offering Health Speaker Series and have a line-up of health professionals until June of this year. We are also excited to offer prospective workshops led by experts in various fields in music, theatre, entertainment, and sports. Will you partner with us in offering your expertise?

Pastor Monalisa Siofele Lolohea | Bridging the Gap

(Trinity UMC - Pomona)

Aloha & Greetings! My name is Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea and I am the Coordinator for the Young People's Council (YPC) for the California-Pacific Conference. I am also the Lead English pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Pomona, CA. As coordinator for YPC, in collaboration with a dynamic group of youth and young adult leaders we oversee grant funding that support, develop, and equip young people in leadership, mentorship, and foster lasting relationships that will have a ripple effect for generations to come. NALU means "waves of the vast sea/ocean in Hawaiian and throughout the Pacific diaspora." As a NALU Maker, one can bring to life their vision for youth ministry and attain leadership development tools that will equip the next wave of young, diverse, faithful, and compassionate leaders. NALU Makers will have a safe space for youth to strategize, plan, network, and implement their vision to life. NALU's mission is to connect the church + community. To bridge the gap between faith leaders and the people. To raise up and Nurture Authentic leaders who Lead by example, and are provided Unconditional resources, support, and love. NALU Makers will weave Community, Christ, and Culture together while affirming a youth's call to ministry and serving others. So bear down and partner with NALU. Invest your time and \$10K, we pray. Ride the wave, build new relationships. Your investment will go a long way!

Rev. Mandy McDow | Ecclesiology & Economics: Practical Theology of Land Use

(Los Angeles First UMC - Los Angeles)

As Christians, we learn that the two greatest commandments are these:

1. Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your mind, and with all of your soul. 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. As a pastor, my work has historically centered on teaching congregations about God's love for each of them, and providing resources to encourage one's personal faith. But, churches do not exist in isolation. Each church is located in a specific place: a neighborhood, a city, a home. Place defines who attends worship, certainly. But, we are not sent to minister to the people in our congregations, exclusively. We are sent to care for people – in a specific place. My church is houseless. We own land, which is an incredibly valuable resource, but we do not have a building. What has been our greatest perceived weakness is actually our strength. We have no choice but to serve our community, and our houseless neighbors. Our worship, typically set outdoors in the parking lot under tents, is truly open to all. It is our hope that we can maximize the value of the land, not for profit, but for generosity. Acts 2 and Acts 4 teach us that the early Christian communities sold what they had and distributed the proceeds as any had need. Our hope is that in loving God with all of our hearts, minds, and souls, we can demonstrate our love for our neighbor as we create a co-housing community with permanent supportive housing, workforce housing, and market rate housing on site. The cost of living affordably is living in intentional community, in which the church can be the entity which teaches the residents— in the building and in the surrounding areas - how best to love God and our neighbors.

Rev. Sunyoung Park | Faith-Based Anti-Racism Movement (Hope UMC of Torrance - Torrance)

Hi everyone, I was called to ordained ministry as an immigrant as many immigrants in the Scripture crossed cultural boundaries. I am Rev. Sunyoung Park, lead pastor at Hope UMC, Torrance. We are racially diverse, welcoming, and have a passion for community service and social justice. Shared Bread, Family Promise in the South Bay, the LA County Department of Children and Family Services, and Torrance Unified School District are our partners. We have a racial- healing and anti-racism book club, in which one-third of the congregation is participating. After the first book, "White Fragility," we are currently engaged in the 2nd book, "How to Be Anti-racist." It will be our honor to invite you as a guest speaker for one of our sessions!

Rev. Kurt Poland | The Broken Middle Podcast (First German UMC - Glendale)

The Broken Middle Podcast explores the human landscape of a local place by putting neighboring faith, artistic, and political leaders on the same civic map. I host the podcast in my capacity as an ordained Christian minister of the local First German United Methodist Church. My aim is to bring powerful and compelling guests immersed in the disparate but overlapping of worlds of traditional religious faith, the secular humanism of modern politics, and the self-expressive nonconformism of public artists together into the same, broken conversation. In a world as diverse and divided as cosmopolitan LA in 2021, this is an attempt to start a new conversation based not around common ideas or traditions or communities, but around common place.

Rev. Alex Powell | Strategic Plan for Community Outreach (New Beginnings UMC - San Bernardino)

Hi my name is Rev. Alex Powell I am the Executive Pastor of New Beginnings a new collective of churches that in 2018 created a multi-site church in the Inland Empire centered in San Bernardino. We currently have 4 campuses, our historic churches have a history of serving in the Inland empire for over 80 years and New Beginnings is currently serving by furnishing families transitioning into stable housing, distributing food and providing clothes for those in need. In 2019 San Bernardino county had over 2,600 people without steady housing and %73 of them were living on the street. With our furnishing families program, we have partnered with San Bernardino County Key's program as together we help individuals and families get and remain in steady housing. In 2019 we were able to help furnish over 30 families in need. We also distributed over 1,700 meals, and over 6,000 articles of clothing. Would you be willing to partner with us as we work to uplift and revitalize the Inland Empire?

Rev. Brent Ross | Normal Heights Community Hub (Normal Heights United, San Diego)

Hi, I'm Brent Ross and I work with an organization called the "Normal Heights Community Hub" and we are a local non-profit that is committed improving life in Normal Heights by connecting needs and resources within the community particularly in the areas of food insecurity, housing, community life and justice-focused education. We connect neighbors, civic officials, small-business owners and community groups to help everyone give and receive what is needed. We've got a proven track record of helping chronically unhoused folks get into housing, and in fact just earlier this year we placed someone in permanent housing who had been unsheltered for more than 20 years, and we've also provided more than 10,000 meals to neighbors. We also have a Social Service program called "Next Steps" that connects folks with a social worker on a drop-in basis. We've got decades long partnerships with community groups, the AABA and our local schools, and we've got a centrally located building with a full time Community Hub Director as immediate assets that have enabled all this work. This year we are starting our greatest project ever...the Normal Heights Community Meals program. A monthly meal for the whole community that connects neighbor to neighbor in relationships, connections, resources and education. It will be the key to sustainable food access for so many folks and a place of celebration and learning each and every month. We'd love YOU to help us build it!

Rev. Ken Walden | Spiritual Road to Physical-Emotional Wellness (Holman UMC - View Park)

Hello, my name is Ken Walden, I am the Senior Pastor of Holman United Methodist Church located in Los Angeles, California. Holman has a long history of social justice with many Senior Pastors, which include The Reverend James Lawson, which was a major strategist and architect of the Civil Rights Movement. We believe in working against despair through hope and justice. In light of unarmed Black and Brown people being murdered by police brutality and other vigilantes, our Holman CDC will continue to help create Spiritual Roads to Physical-Emotional Wellness. The amount of \$100,000 would help us. Your partnership of time, talents, and financial resources, will help us journey towards a more inclusive and equitable world by providing life giving programs such as \$25,000 towards our Job Training Program, \$25,000 towards our Life Affirming Exercises, \$25,000 towards our Crisis Management Tools, \$25,000 towards our Restorative Counseling.

Rev. John Mark Wang | Outreach to Young Families Outreach to Young Families

(Cornerstone UMC - Placentia)

Hello! My name is John Wang, Senior Pastor of Cornerstone United Methodist Church (UMC). Our church was founded forty-three years ago to aid the Asian American community in Orange County, CA and our mission is to be a blessing to the community. We do this by creating community engaging events to raise awareness of local resources and fundraise for families in need. Our Trunk-or-Treat event connected over 200 families in Placentia, CA and Orange County, CA and they enjoyed delicious candies and fun decorated trunks. We invited our community partners: the Placentia Fire Department, Police Department, Boy Scouts of America, and members of the Placentia City Council to teach families about their services. Jenna, a neighbor in Placentia messaged us on Facebook to tell us how much our Trunk-or-Treat meant to her family and looks forward to it every year. Our church blesses families! We bless people from the community, one young man named Raj, got connected to our church and through our resources he was able to reach his goal of independence and work – he now works for Google in TX! Our most recent event was the “Spirit of Friendship Tea” which reached over 100 families to gather for a British high tea and appetizers. Through the event we raised over \$3,000 to buy Christmas gifts for families through the Adopt-A-Family program organized by the Friendly Center of Orange County. Our church has partnered with The Friendly Center, Pathways of Hope, and Project Independence for over five years by volunteering and providing financial assistance. We want to be of service in blessing families through our congregation and also providing the resources they need. We are seeking \$1,000 to fund marketing and advertising of our events through banners, and flyers. Will you partner with us?

Rev. Gary Bernard Williams | Manna House: Building Community Through Food & Service

(Saint Mark UMC - Los Angeles)

I am Rev. Gary Bernard Williams Senior pastor Saint Mark United Methodist Church located in the food desert of South LA. We operate Manna House a Food Security Network for food distribution, an urban garden, an education component teaching children the importance of healthy eating, and food justice advocacy we have provided food assistance and education to our community for 21 years. Since COVID 19 food insecurity has devastated families in South LA. For example: Job lost and food insecurity brought Ebony a single mother of 4 to us! “Manna House provides enough food each week to feed her family” Ebony is one of 125 families we serve each week 500 families a month the need is increasing. Some of our Partner Organizations: LA Regional Food Bank· Tālō Management Group· Faith Community Coalition· Logos Development Group· Southwest Neighborhood Development Council A grant of \$10,000.00 would enable us to renovate and enlarge our space to better serve our community to buy a walk-in refrigerator and coolers for fresh produce to sustain our food distribution. Manna House is not just a building but: a “bridge of hope” networking resources to impact the lives of those in need. Would you partner with us?

Pastor Lisa Williams | Community Kitchen (San Pedro UMC - San Pedro)

I am Lisa Williams the pastor serving San Pedro United Methodist Church. I am also an advocate for our unhoused neighbors working closely with Council District 15 and the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. In 2019 I was Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn's Woman of the Year. We were gifted a half-acre of land years ago. We are living out our values by partnering with 1010 Development to build 54 units of affordable and permanent supportive housing. We began looking around our facility to see how our assets could align with the needs of our community. According to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank – 1 out of every 4 people in LA County experience food insecurity. This can create great health challenges, especially those with diabetes and hypertension. During this pandemic many have found themselves at a food pantry for the first time, not knowing how to create healthy meals with the food given. That is why we have begun a campaign to revitalize our Kitchen creating an Educational Initiative. This initiative will provide education to low-income families on the importance of healthy eating. We are partnering with Harbor Community Health Center they will conduct diabetes training and our local restaurants will provide virtual cooking lessons. Toberman Neighborhood Center will be our distribution partner where families will pick up food that will be used during the cooking class. In addition to our Hope on 6th building project we are expanding our partnership with Family Promise of the South Bay to create respite housing for up to four families. Being good stewards of our property and building strong community is how we are living into the future. To upgrade our kitchen and implement our cooking classes we need to raise \$200,000. When our bodies are healthy so are our minds and souls. Partner with us to help families have a chance of creating healthy meals.

Rev. Won-Seok Yuh | Hale Selah Space for Pause (Harris UMC - Honolulu, HI)

Aloha, my name is Won-Seok Yuh, and I am currently serving as the Senior Pastor of Harris United Methodist Church, located right at the border between bustling Downtown Honolulu and a low-income community. We've been engaging our community of homelessness and low-income through education resources and food security, and are currently making 1500 meals a month to be provided offsite in partnership with local shelters and NPOs. We're working on ways to continue, but more importantly, go beyond feeding people with meals, but go into feeding the local community in need by creating Hale Selah, Hawaiian and Hebrew words combined meaning "a space to take a break or a pause." We're intending to create an on-church-campus program where people have a place to find consistent meals, but also create a peaceful and collaborative space for dialogue between members and leaders in the community, the arts, business, and government. In this COVID environment, we're planning to have our first community engagement digitally in a date to come soon. Join us to take part in the conversation that will be the next step to have the voices of both community and leadership be heard so that we can better alleviate hunger and poverty in Oahu.

Thank You to Our 2020-2021 C2 Speakers

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FACE PROGRAMS

Affordable Housing

In 2012, FACE was successful in organizing faith and community leaders to advocate for a community benefit from J.H. Snyder, who was receiving \$17 million in public funds for building a \$169 million mixed use project in Koreatown. In the aftermath, FACE has partnered with AMCAL Multi-housing Inc. in developing 100 units of affordable housing, called Meridian Apartments.

Consumer Education Fairs

FACE actively serves underserved communities by hosting various seminars such as the Homeownership, Foreclosure, and Disaster Readiness Fairs, which serve over 1,000 low-income families and individuals annually.

Affordable Care Act Assistance

Our Affordable Care Act assistance has increased access to affordable health care by promoting awareness, performing outreach and education, assisting clients with Covered California insurance enrollment, and taking a leading role in health care events.

Church & Non-Profit Leadership and Advocacy Training

FACE has trained over 5,000 faith and community leaders how to leverage resources, navigate government, create partnerships, implement programs and services and effectively advocate for their community. FACE has also created a Faith and Community Collaborative on Mental Health and Drug Abuse to connect faith leaders with resources in the community.

C2 (Church and Community) Leadership Institute

FACE's Church and Community (C2) Leadership Institute is designed to cultivate young leaders who are interested in civic engagement, public-private partnerships, and being a social justice advocate for the community while strengthening church and community partnerships. Young leaders in the C2 Leadership Institute will have opportunities to meet with various leaders in government, corporate, faith institutions and the community while equipping them with fundraising, media and government relations, partnership building, eventing, advocacy, program development, and other practical skills.

Computer Literacy Training & Classes

FACE provides affordable computer classes to low-income parents, seniors, and youth. Participants learn how to navigate the internet, use social media, and utilize vital software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Successful class participants conclude with a graduation and certificate of completion.

Youth and Adult Job Training and Internships

FACE has trained many individuals both youth, college, adult workers, and seniors in job and leadership skills through our various internships, volunteer program, as well as city and federal programs including Americorps VISTA.

API JOB (Job Opportunities and Business Success) Initiative

FACE, as lead agency, won a grant funded by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department to launch the API JOBS Initiative. This initiative is the first of its kind in Los Angeles to serve the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in providing vocational training, employment, career pathway, and community/social services to linguistically isolated participants.

REO Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Since 2012, FACE has been acquiring foreclosed properties and transforming and revitalizing these blighted sites. Properties are provided at a discounted rate to low-to-moderate income families and individuals.

C2 Leadership Institute Program

The C2 Leadership Institute is designed to cultivate leaders who are interested in civic engagement, public-private partnerships, and being a social justice advocate for the community while strengthening church and community partnerships. Currently, the C2 Leadership Institute cohort consists of students, community leaders, and church leaders. These emerging leaders are passionate about developing partnerships at the intersection of church and community.

As part of the 9 week program, the cohort meets once a week where FACE provides opportunities for the cohort to meet with various leaders in government, corporate, faith institutions and the community while equipping them with practical skills as such as fundraising, media and government relations, partnership building, networking, financial literacy, grant writing, eventing, advocacy, program development, outreach strategy, and AAPI community needs and data points. Each fellow identifies a community project that they will work on as C2 Project.

C2 Leadership Institute Outcomes

- An activated church and community partnership committee
- Expanded new contacts with local elected officials, media, potential funders, government agencies and other stakeholders/community & business organizations
- Sponsorship request template, certificate/commendation letter request template, and press release template
- Identification of gifts in your congregation
- Elevated visibility in the community
- One established community program
- A brochure/collateral that documents all the community work the church is doing
- Engaging and inspiring the next generation to be deeply involved with the church

C2 Session Workshops

- Leadership
- Financial Literacy, Capability, and Coaching
- Sponsorship/Grant Writing
- Media & Government Relations
- Government Relations
- Public Relations
- Public Speaking
- Networking & Building Partnerships
- Fundraising
- Homeownership
- Racial Justice
- Making Local and Regional Databases
- COVID Response
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Faith and Politics
- Pitching Ideas to Stakeholders
- Advocacy
- Mentorship
- Event Planning/Program Development
- Small Business
- Housing & Homelessness
- Public Service
- API Community Needs and Research Data
- Clean Energy
- Electric Vehicles
- Housing Justice
- Affordable Housing
- Community Reinvestment Act

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For more information, please visit www.facela.org.

Join Us As A C2 Fellow!

We would like to invite you to join our future C2 Leadership Institute Cohorts! Join us in transforming our communities through the intersection of church and community and see what opportunities lie ahead.

To learn more, visit our website:
www.facela.org/c2-leadership-institute

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