



 ***Together We Can
Break the Cycle
of Poverty!***



NetworX Orientation

Sponsored by the Capital City Circles Initiative & The Cal-Nev United Methodist Annual Conference

April 20, 2016 & April 21, 2016

The First United Methodist Church in Carson City, NV along with other churches joined in one of the first pilot programs of Circles in the country six years ago. Congregations largely of middle class people no longer just do things for the poor; they actually befriend and walk with poor families in their struggle to break the cycle of poverty. This approach, which depends on allying church folks with poor families over a two year period, is proving itself to be one of the most effective approaches to ending poverty. **Learn how this system works and how your congregation can introduce this approach into your community.**



WALKING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

NetworX uses an approach for congregations to join with others in the community to walk with the poor in an effective journey out of poverty. It is the priority of the Annual Conference Committee on Children & Poverty to make this approach available to all United Methodist congregations.



A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT

Most churches provide assistance for poor hard working families, but fewer actually befriend and walk with the poor. Using this approach in your congregation can provide life-skill training, networks, relationships and mutual problem solving to break generational poverty.



PARTICIPATE AND EXPERIENCE

In this hands-on approach, participants will join in the weekly Circles Meeting. Participants will meet "Champions for Change," hard working poor families, and hear their stories about how they are moving out of poverty. Participants will also meet "Allies" who work with these families to unblock situations keeping them from their goals. Local training facilitators and board members of the Capital City Circles Initiative will share their roles in the process.

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412 W. Musser St. Carson City, NV 89703 (Wesley Room)
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Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Topic	
3:00 pm	Registration
3:30 pm	What is NetworX? Describing the process
5:30 pm	Break
6:00 pm	Meet Capital Circles Initiative Dinner with Champions for Change & Community Allies
7:00 pm	Speed dating activity
8:30 pm	Adjourn & clean-up

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Topic	
8:30 am	Coffee & Networking
9:00 am	Debrief from Weekly Meeting
10:00 am	Next Steps
11:00 am	Review - Q&A
11:30 am	Closing Comments & Adjourn

Registration fee—\$25.00

Please make checks payable to: First United Methodist Church.

***Please Register by Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

Mail to:

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Transportation and Lodging are NOT included.