



Training Application Form

If you are a local congregation, faith-based community organization, group or agency, or a coalition of congregations and organizations seeking to be a catalyst for community transformation, you may want to be a part of the dynamic movement of Communities of Shalom. This grass-roots, multifaith, international network of community development sites is coordinated at Drew University.

Please review the vision, mission, history, values, principles, and training overview on our website: www.communitiesofshalom.org and/or contact us at the National Shalom Resource Center at Drew University Theological School for further information. We are located at 12 Campus Drive on the University campus in Madison, NJ. 973-408-3848 shalom@drew.edu

Why consider becoming a Community Shalom?

The Shalom Zone approach to community development should be considered by congregations, organizations, and coalitions who wish to increase their capacity for community transformation through specialized training, proven strategies and multicultural collaboration. A site becomes a Community of Shalom upon completion of a five month training program, submission and approval of a Shalom plan, and annual registration with the National Shalom Resource Center.

What support will a Community of Shalom receive?

Shalom team members will receive basic training in asset-based community development, technical assistance and relational support. Upon successful completion of the training program, and submission and approval of a qualifying Shalom Plan, new sites can receive a "seed grant" of \$2,000 from the Shalom Advance Fund at the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Does a church or community organization have to be United Methodist to apply for training or become a Community of Shalom?

No. Any faith-based community group may apply with the requirement that at least one of their ministry partners has a United Methodist connection (thus providing access to denominational funding and sponsorship of the training program without cost to the local site).

How do we apply for training and become a Community of Shalom?

- ❖ Do your research on Communities of Shalom by reviewing the website and other sources of information.
- ❖ Gather a group of congregational members and community leaders to review the information and discern whether there is a 'mission match' with Communities of Shalom.
- ❖ Make a request for an Information Meeting or On-site Consultation with a Shalom representative to discuss the Shalom Initiative in further detail.
- ❖ Be prayerful as you begin to organize a leadership team and enlist the support, partnership and endorsement from other faith communities, businesses, community residents, schools, social services, and other community organizations that reside in the targeted community.
- ❖ Identify a minimum of eight to ten persons who are willing to commit to five months of training (one day a month for five months).
- ❖ Submit this application to the National Shalom Resource Center at Drew University and recruit two other sites to do the same (We need to have at least three sites in a region to commit to a training program).
- ❖ If you are part of the United Methodist Church, first submit this application to your conference Shalom coordinator for review and endorsement. Then forward it to the National Shalom office.



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1. Name and Address and address of Proposed Shalom Site:

2. Primary Contact Person: _____

3. Primary Contact Organization: (Name, address, phone & e-mail)

4. Name of participating United Methodist Church(es) within the geographically-defined Community of Shalom:

5. Names and contact information for other participating congregations and community organizations within your Shalom Site:

Collaborations are an important principle of Shalom organizing:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

8. Why would your community and participating congregations and organizations make a good Community of Shalom?

9. Name of person preparing this report: _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

We have read the application information, explored the Communities of Shalom website and agree to work within the guidelines.

10. Signatures

Primary Contact:

Secondary Site Representative:

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Return this form electronically to shalom@drew.edu

or mail to : Communities of Shalom, National Resource Center
Drew University Theological School
36 Madison Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940

For more information or clarification on application please e-mail us or call 973-408-3848.

**** United Methodist Churches proceed to pages 6 for Annual Conference approval and signatures.**

Annual Conference or Judicatory

This portion is to be completed by the Conference Shalom Coordinator or Director of Connectional Ministries in Annual Conference office or the appropriate judicatory officer of a congregation's faith community. Upon completion, please forward a copy of approved application forms to:

**The Shalom Initiative
Drew University Theological School
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ
(973) 408-3848 or shalom@drew.edu**

Annual Conference Name: _____

List the names of the Shalom Sites you will be recommending.

Why will your recommended sites form a good Shalom Community?

What financial support are you presently giving to the recommended Shalom congregations and what additional funding do you anticipate in the future? Would you be willing to provide matching funds for a \$2,000 seed grant from the National Office once a Shalom Plan is submitted and approved?

Please provide the name and coordinates of the conference staff person who will be responsible for coordinating the Shalom effort within your Annual Conference:

Shalom Coordinator: _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Approval Signatures Needed:

Bishop _____ Date _____

Director of Connectional Ministries _____ Date _____