



SHALOM WEEK AT OCEAN GROVE

June 20-25, 2010

Co-sponsored by Communities of Shalom, Drew University and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Theology and Practice of *Shalom* (3 CEU's)

This Doctor of Ministry intensive course, also offered for Continuing Education Credit, focuses on the many nuances and facets of the inspiring Judeo-Christian-Muslim concept of *Shalom/Salaam/Peace*—which means community well-being, health, harmony, wholeness, welfare, prosperity and peace--as used by interpreters of Jeremiah 29:7 in the Bible: “*Seek the shalom of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its shalom you will find your shalom.*” Together, we will develop a practical theology of *asset-based community development*¹ through 1) an overview of the prophetic tradition in scripture; 2) reflecting on our own experience in community ministry, and 3) deep reading, discussion and applied learning of the topic. We also will learn several training units and practical skills used in community organizing and community development, including:

- Six Threads of Shalom to re-weave communities in transition
- Stepping Up to Shalom: from social services to community development
- Steps in seeking systemic change
- Congregational-Community partnerships
- Understanding and strengthening multicultural relationships
- Introduction to community organizing
- Community Asset Mapping
- Defining and developing a Community of Shalom

Instructors: Dr. Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D., National Director of Communities of Shalom, and Affiliate Associate Professor of Spirituality, Drew University; Annie Allen, MPA, MDIV, National Trainer and Program Associate, Communities of Shalom; and selected experts in specific areas of training.

Cost: \$250 program fee for 3 CEUs and Certificate of Completion, plus housing in Grove Hall.

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¹ **Asset-Based Community Development** (ABCD) is an approach to community development that focuses on the strengths rather than the deficiencies of a particular community, prioritizes a *resource assessment* rather a traditional *needs assessment*, and utilizes community asset-mapping and coalition building strategies for comprehensive planning in community development. Originally developed by the School of Social Work at Northwestern University, ABCD is used by Drew University as its preferred training model in Communities of Shalom faith-based community development network. See www.communitiesofshalom.org