

UCC Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing Local Church Training Event



**Mensch Mill Conference and Retreat Center, Alburdis, PA
March 30 - 31, 2012**

ABOUT JUSTICE LED

Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (Justice LED) is a curriculum produced by the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries Team. Justice LED can help congregations understand the Biblical and socio-cultural grounding for doing justice work and empower people to reflect, engage with others and act upon justice issues that matter to them. The program can be adapted for various needs, such as: year-long or seasonal Bible Studies or Sunday School programs; youth, adult or intergenerational retreats; as component of a strategic visioning process; for development of social justice ministries and related programs. For an informational PowerPoint on Justice LED, see <http://www.ucc.org/justice/training/>.

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This Justice LED Local Church Training event is for UCC lay leaders and clergy who wish become facilitators of the Justice LED program in their congregation or ministry settings. The main goals for this training event are: to share the Biblical/theological and socio-cultural grounding for doing justice work; to enable participants to experience Justice LED program as participants and explore it as facilitators; and to empower them to be faith-based leaders who can help develop, sustain and/or strengthen their congregations' faith-based justice ministries.

COST

This training program, which includes certified trainers, training manuals and DVDs, is valued at \$300. The cost for this event includes only lodging, meals/snacks and meeting space, thanks to sponsorship by UCC Neighbors in Need and Our Church's Wider Mission.

The event cost includes three options: **Option 1: \$75.00 (double occupancy)** per person includes one night's lodging with meals (Friday dinner through Saturday's lunch) and snacks. **Option 2: \$140.00 covers single occupancy** lodging with meals and snacks. **Option 3: \$40.00 is for commuters** and covers meals and snacks only.

TO REGISTER

We ask that each participating church have a goal of sending at least two people to the event. Clergy and other staff are welcome to register, although we especially encourage churches to identify and send laity; this event aims to support and encourage leadership among lay members in our churches. To register, please complete the two pages included in this document and send with payment (**Check or money order, payable to JWM**) to **Ferne Clements, JWM, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115** by **March 19, 2012**.

TRAINING LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

The event will be held at **Mensch Mill Conference & Retreat Center**, located in the mountains of Berks County, Pennsylvania, between Allentown and Pottstown. The village is called, Huff's Church. It is not recommended to use a GPS to find this site, as they tend to miss the location.

To reach Mensch Mill, take PA Route 100 to Huff's Church Road, about 2½ miles north of Bally. (Watch for "Huff's Church" or "Bally Savings Bank" sign.) Turn west onto Huff's Church Road. Go approximately three miles to Huff's Church Village. Turn left onto Conrad Road. The office and conference center are located one mile from Huff's Church, approximately ½ mile beyond the historic Mensch Mill campus. For more information or detailed directions, call the office at 610.845.7013.

Mensch Mill Conference & Retreat Center is a UCC Outdoor Ministry Association site. For more information about it, link to: <http://www.menschmill.org>

MEETING SCHEDULE

The event is scheduled from 2:00 to 8:00pm on March 30 and from 8:30am to 4:30pm on March 31.

LODGING

Once we have your form we will arrange for your lodging needs accordingly.

MEALS

Meals and snacks will be provided during the event, beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Saturday. The form below allows you to indicate any special dietary needs.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Kelly Burd at burdk@ucc.org or 216-736-3714.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 19, 2012

JUSTICE LED - REGISTRATION FORM



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State and Zip Code: _____

Day Phone _____

Evening or Cell phone _____ Email _____

Church where you are a member _____

City and State of your Church _____

Pastor's name _____

Church Phone Number _____

UCC Conference _____

Are You a Member of The UCC Justice and Peace Action Network? Yes ___ No ___

Are you involved with a social action/justice committee or group in your local church, Association or Conference setting? If Yes, Please describe your involvement:

What are your hopes for what Justice LED might offer your local church or ministry setting?

The role of Justice LED facilitators includes: withholding personal perspectives for the most part to facilitate discussion; facilitating conversations that address sensitive justice-related issues with diverse perspectives; maintaining "safe space" that invites all participants to dialogue and reflect on the intersection of scripture, justice, and their respective life experiences.

Do you feel, with the support of your partners, comfortable with this expectation and able to facilitate in this way?

Yes _____ No _____ (please explain concerns/challenges below)

We ask that local churches/ministries try to send a minimum of 2 people, endorsed by your pastor to take the Justice LED training. This group would then discern with your pastor(s), church council or other related groups how Justice LED might be shared within the context of your congregation.

Below, please list the names of others in your congregation (pastor, staff and/or laity) who you know are also registering to take the training. (They should also submit registration forms.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Lodging - please indicate one option:

___ **Option 1: \$75** covers double occupancy lodging plus meals and snacks. If you are coming with someone you prefer to room with, please indicate his/her name: _____

___ **Option 2: \$140.00** covers single occupancy lodging plus meals and snacks.

___ **Option 3: \$40.00** is for commuters and covers meals and snacks only.

Please indicate any dietary needs/limitations, and any other special needs:

Please email your two-page registration form to clementf@ucc.org or mail with payment (Check or money order, payable to JWM) to Ferne Clements, JWM, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115 by March 19, 2012.