

RESOURCES

IICM COMMUNITY SERVICES & URBAN MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The International Institute of Christian Ministries (IICM) Community Services & Urban Ministry Certification Program is designed to equip church leadership with comprehensive community-based ministry development curriculum.

-Co-Sponsored by ACS International.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program will give you new and improved skills to transform lives through community development. Participants will learn about assessing community needs, cross-cultural ministry, marketing fundamentals, improving leadership skills, financial resource development, and much more.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Free web-based "e-reporting" software makes it easy for Seventh-day Adventist community service providers to register clients and record services provided to the community. The software also captures basic volunteer information, income, and expense information of local centers.



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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



North American Division



WHAT IS ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES?

Adventist Community Services (ACS) is a community outreach ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division.



MISSION

Serving Communities in Christ's Name

HISTORY

In 1874, following a response to flooding in Michigan, the Seventh-day Adventist Church officially recognized the Dorcas Society as its organized community outreach program. Throughout more than a century, the program has changed its name and now operates as Adventist Community Services (ACS) which includes the well-developed ministries described in this brochure. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists established ACS International to support church members interested in serving in their own communities around the globe.



ACS MINISTRIES:

- Community Development/ Urban Ministry
- Crisis Care (Emotional and Spiritual Care)
- Disaster Response
- Elder Care
- Tutoring and Mentoring
- Youth Empowered to Serve



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - URBAN MINISTRY

ACS Community Development provides vital help to individuals and families many of whom are unemployed, low income, uninsured, and disadvantaged. It offers relief services and promotes individual and community development that includes equipping community members with skills to become self-sufficient and engages in public advocacy.

CRISIS CARE - EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE

ACS Crisis Care equips and deploys volunteers to provide emotional and spiritual care for individuals traumatized by disasters and other critical incidents. Volunteers seek to provide the highest level of service in harmony with international standards of care and Christ's example of unconditional love.

ELDER CARE

ACS Elder Care volunteers address the needs of seniors and their caregivers within their church and community. It offers educational workshops for individuals and churches and promotes Christ-centered, practical, and sustainable solutions to holistic aging.

TUTORING AND MENTORING

ACS Tutoring & Mentoring cultivates trustworthy relationships that help the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth of children and youth, particularly those at risk or from low-income households. Volunteers provide individual support, care, and guidance that can help them achieve academic success.

“THE KING WILL REPLY, “TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.”

- MATTHEW 25:40 (NIV)



YOUTH EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Youth Empowered to Serve (YES!) encourages high school and college-aged youth and young adults to begin a lifetime of service. Intergenerational cooperation is achieved when experienced ACS volunteers work side-by-side with younger volunteers. With appropriate training and leadership, YES! volunteers are a valuable asset to almost any community service project.

DISASTER RESPONSE

ACS Disaster Response (ACS DR) empowers credentialed volunteers to respond to disasters throughout the North American Division. ACS DR volunteers are known as experts in handling donated goods and providing relief supplies to disaster survivors and responders. Partnerships with nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies allow this ministry to provide the most effective and efficient aid in times of need.



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