WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR SEMINAR COMING TO LONG ISLAND ON JANUARY 28

Many congregations struggle to grow or at least reverse their decline. Worship attendance might be flat, and the Sunday school is not brimming. Some congregations are in buildings which are outdated, underutilized or in disrepair. Finances could be strained.

It’s easy to get wrapped up in our own concerns.

In our common struggles, we can sometimes forget that there are many neighbors in our neighborhood and city who know nothing of our shortcomings but are in need of our care and witness. In fact, it is possible that our renewal is dependent on re-embracing our mission to serve others. We must remember that our “parish” is not comprised of just the people in our building but those who are in our neighborhood, city and region.

The New York State Council of Churches, Pace University Land Use Law Center, Goldstein Hall Attorneys at Law, Long Island Housing Partnership, ERASE Racism, the Community Development Corporation of New York, Enterprise Community Partners, American Institute of Architects, and many others invite congregations from Long Island and Southern New York to the Community Reformed Church in Manhasset on Tuesday, January 28, 2019 for our third Who is My Neighbor seminar.

At this seminar we will help you and your congregation:

*Refocus on your mission and love your neighbors well.

*Build relationships and lead in your communities to address attitudinal, structural, planning challenges like Not in My Backyard, zoning rules, and outdated comprehensive plans, which often prevent cities from welcoming people of all races and incomes.

*Learn from architects, attorneys, clergy and others how to restore sanctuaries and community space, maximize rentals, build childcare centers, schools, arts centers, food pantries, and construct affordable housing.

*Explore opportunities for financing.

Go to WWW.NYSCOC.org to register, to see samples from past seminars, and view resource materials. If you have questions or would like to discuss your congregation’s needs and situation, contact The Reverend Peter Cook. Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches at Pcook@nyscoc.org or 508-380-8289. We are here to help!

We look forward to having you join us!

In faith,

Peter Cook
Executive Director