

Community Building Workshop

The Loretto Center – Wheaton, Illinois
January 14th & 15th, 2012

What is Community Building? Community Building is a group process that provides the unique opportunity to learn and practice methods that foster deep connections and promote authenticity between the individual and the larger world. Experiential in nature, the workshops are based on a set of guidelines and principles rather than an agenda or particular procedure. The participants are gently guided by trained FCE facilitators who take the group through a process that shows how to look beyond cultural, political and religious differences that can prevent us from embracing our common humanity.

What will be accomplished or learned? During the two day workshop we will endeavor to build a temporary community to create and foster acceptance. Participants will learn a new language that is empowering and respectful. Time tested skills and guidelines include learning how to listen deeply, tolerate ambiguity and welcome silence. Participants can experience a deep connectedness to others and acquire a sense of acceptance for themselves and others

Program fee & participant information:

This is a two-day workshop beginning on Saturday morning at 9am and concluding on Sunday at 7pm. The program fee is \$75 and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday, along with a dinner on Sunday. In addition, soft drinks and snacks will be provided. Scholarships are available. The basic schedule for the two days will be as follows:

- Saturday from 9am to 5pm Community building work begins
- Sunday from 9am to 6pm Community building, group ends

The intensity of the experience may be exhausting. We suggest that you do not schedule your free time. You will probably need that time for rest, reflection and integration. Please note that while personal issues may be addressed, the event is not intended to result in their resolution.

The Community Building Workshop will be held in the Circle Room at the Loretto Center, 1600 Somerset Lane in Wheaton, Illinois. There is lodging available for those who need accommodations at the Center. Interested persons should contact JohnSchuller at 630-679-9764 or jetschu@comcast.net Visit the Loretto Center www.lorettocenter.org

**"In and through Community lies the salvation of the world."
Dr. M. Scott Peck author of "The Road Less Traveled"**

In response to this deep and profound belief, *The Foundation for Community Encouragement (FCE)* was founded by Dr. M Scott Peck and ten other individuals in 1984. For more than twenty years this organization sponsored hundreds of workshops, conferences, seminars and speaking engagements throughout the world.

Moved to Speak is a collaborative effort in the Chicago Metropolitan area to revive and expand the legacy of Dr. Peck's important work. By offering Community Building Workshops, we hope to extend the profound vision of M. Scott Peck and the thousands of people across the world instrumental in the peacemaking and personal growth associated with the Community Building mission:

We encourage people in a fragmented world to discover new and better ways of living together. Living, learning and teaching the principles of community, we serve as a catalyst for individuals, groups and organizations to:

- Communicate with authenticity
- Deal with difficult issues
- Welcome and affirm diversity
- Bridge differences with integrity
- Relate with compassion and respect

The FCE approach encourages the tolerance of ambiguity, the experience of discovery, and the tension between holding on and letting go. In our work to empower others, we remember our reliance upon a spirit within and beyond ourselves.

The Foundation for Community Encouragement's Founding Dream captures the essence of Community Building Work: *"There is a yearning in the heart for peace. Because of the wounds -the rejections- we have received in past relationships, we are frightened by the risks. In our fear, we discount the dream of authentic community as merely visionary. But, There are rules by which people can back together, by which the old wounds are healed. These rules -to make hope real again- make the vision actually manifest in a world which has almost forgotten the glory of what it means to be human."*

It is our goal to make these workshops inclusive and available to everyone. Scholarships are available on a limited basis. Requests for scholarships should be sent three weeks before the workshop. Visit our website at FCE-community.org