



DESIGN for
PEACE

FAITH LAND DISCERNMENT COHORT

Southwest Washington



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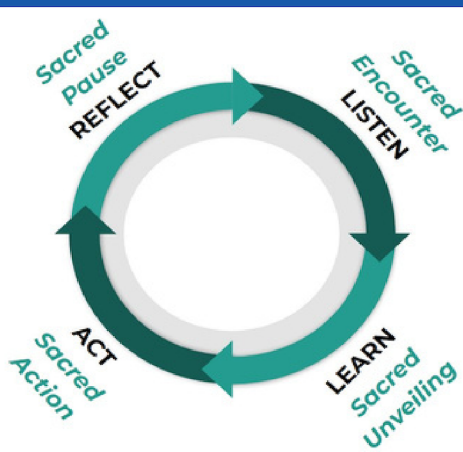
CULTIVATING SHALOM ON FAITH LAND

Churches have hundreds of acres of underutilized land and are the second largest landowners in the U.S. Meanwhile, our communities are navigating immense housing, climate and other crises. Together, we have an opportunity to bring God's vision of Shalom to life.



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SACRED ORGANIZING CYCLE



JOIN A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING + PRACTICE

This 6-month cohort includes:

- 6 monthly skill-building sessions
- A companion to support your core team to integrate new skills
- Online materials to deepen learning
- Ecumenical cohort relationships that amplify what is possible
- Connections to regional partners who are subject matter experts in financing, housing development and church building stewardship

COHORT APPROACH



The core of this work is **community discernment**, which is possible when we accept our identity as stewards, use the practices of sacred organizing, and pursue a vision of shared liberation.

In our cohort, we explore:

- **Practices for listening** deeply
- How we can **practice stewardship**
- **Wrestling with racism** and other structural obstacles to shalom
- How to **build a critical mass of support** for new directions

IS THIS COHORT RIGHT FOR US?

- Does your congregation have **land or buildings that are underutilized** or that you would like to use in new ways?
- Are there **3-5 core team leaders** to participate in this **6 month process**?
- Does your team have a **spirit of curiosity and openness** to practicing discernment, exploring new possibilities and connecting with others in your congregation and community?

Join our next cohort!

Each year, we gather with a group of congregations from **the spring through the end of the year** with both in-person and online gatherings.

Contact us for **support forming your core team** for the next faith land discernment cohort. We look forward to accompanying you!



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