

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground Winter 2009 Common Ground U

COMMON GROUND

BACKGROUND

It is common to hear people say that our community is in crisis. Whether you live in the suburbs or city, problems such as health insurance, education, crime and decent jobs touch all of us. Few current efforts are resolving these issues. It's time for a new approach.

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground is an emerging multi-county organization of diverse religious, labor, non-profit, education, and small business organizations dedicated to serving as an alliance which acts with power in the public arena for the common good.

Common Ground is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization directed by a team of leaders from participating institutions and a professional organizer. Common Ground is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), the oldest and largest community organizing network in the United States with 63 affiliates in the USA, Canada, England and Germany.

PURPOSE

SWCG is a new initiative working to make a major impact on the critical social and economic issues facing Southeastern Wisconsin.

Changing these realities requires new leaders with the energy and vision to make this happen. We invite you to become a part of this new effort.

COMMON GROUND U (CGU)

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- To strengthen the leadership capacity and culture of participating organizations.
- To teach leaders the skills necessary for successful public action.

INSTITUTE TOPICS

- WHY ORGANIZE? The history, traditions and values of our religious and secular organizations.
- HOW TO ORGANIZE individual relational meetings, listening sessions, research, negotiations and action.
- HOW TO STRENGTHEN our institutions. Intentionally engaging people in a relational, action-oriented and reflective culture.
- HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE between general problems and concrete, winnable issues.
- HOW TO NEGOTIATE for the common good.

STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

- Individual institutions agree to send leaders to the Winter 2009 CGU.
- Participants should attend all sessions.
- Participants agree to meet after the sessions to evaluate the value of Common Ground for your institution.

SCHEDULE

TRACK 1

WHEN

Mondays, **February 23, March 2** and **9**

6:00 PM (sharp) – 9:00 PM (sharp)

Optional dinner served at 5:30 PM

WHERE

St. John Vianney Parish
1755 North Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005
Phone: 262-796-3940
Web: www.stjohnv.org

TRACK 2

WHEN

Saturdays, **March 14** and **21**

8:15 AM (sharp) – 1:00 PM (sharp)

A continental breakfast will be provided

WHERE

Bay View UMC
2772 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53207
Phone: 414-744-4036
Web: www.bayviewumc.org

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To learn more about Common Ground, visit www.commongroundwi.org

Please clip out the registration panel and along with your registration fee give it to Mark Fraley or mail to: Common Ground, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, February 16 at 5:00 PM

Enrollment is limited. Early registration strongly recommended. No exceptions to deadline.

COST

A mandatory registration fee of \$15 must be received by Monday, February 16. Scholarships are available. Please make checks payable to Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground.

REGISTER TODAY

Institutions interested in joining together to tackle the tough problems facing all of us and strengthening their own organizations at the same time should send a team of leaders to the Winter 2009 CGU. Fill out the form below and mail along with the registration fee to: **Common Ground, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233**

Registration Form		Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground Winter 2009 Common Ground U		Please Check One <input type="checkbox"/> Track 1 or <input type="checkbox"/> Track 2	
If Having Dinner, Please List Any Dietary Restrictions:		Phone #	E-Mail Address	Name of Institution	Name of Participant