



# Healing Communities

Balancing Justice With Mercy

## **VIRTUAL TRAINING INVITATION: *A NATIONAL MODEL FOR CLERGY & CONGREGATIONS TO OFFER RESTORATION AND HEALING FOR EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND BECOME A STATION OF HOPE***

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm; Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-12:30pm; and Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-8:30pm. Two hours of pre-class work is required in addition to the zoom classes for 10 hrs credit. All sessions Virtual Zoom meetings.

**COST: \$15.00** includes training materials distributed prior to first training date. You **must attend all three sessions and complete 2 hrs pre-class work** to receive 10 hours of credit.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE January 15, 2023 with 20 maximum in attendance.** You will be contacted when class materials are completed for distribution. All participants will receive their first class assignment prior to class session via email. Each succeeding class that requires preparation for the next class, instructions will be given at the end of that class session.

**SPONSORED BY:** EPA CONFERENCE PRISON MINISTRY & RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TEAM

**HEALING COMMUNITIES INSTRUCTOR:** Linda Van Til, Certified Lay Minister, EPA Conference UMC, Prison Ministry & Restorative Justice Work Team and Healing Communities Trainer

**THE TRAINING COVERS:** Essential information and perspectives on the criminal justice system, current issues, and the impact of crime on victims, survivors, offenders and families; relevant questions for reflection and discussion within congregations; ideas and resources for pastors and faith leaders to engage congregants; tools, information and resources for congregation members; and resources and dedicated time to develop a customized congregational action plan suited to the culture, demographics and core beliefs of each congregation.

### **ENDORSEMENT FOR HEALING COMMUNITIES TRAINING:**

"The front page, breaking news story announces the crime. "Healing Communities" is the much longer story buried deep into the newspaper informing us about *all* of the individuals and families affected by that crime. and the criminal justice system." --- Gary Knerr, Lead Pastor, Grove UMC

"Healing Communities Training is valuable for congregations who are interested in helping persons who are returning citizens as well as supporting congregation members who are incarcerated or have a loved one who is incarcerated. The information is wide ranging and thorough." ---Molly Dee Roundsley, Lead Pastor, West Chester UMC

**REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://na.eventscloud.com/healing2023>

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