



# COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CERTIFICATE

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The world's cities are dramatically expanding, along with the material and spiritual needs of their most marginalized residents. Since 1993, Servant Partners has worked towards Christ-centered transformation in communities around the world.

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## The CTC is designed for

- Leaders who desire mutual transformation with marginalized neighbours, instead of adopting a charity model
- Leaders ready for hands-on learning, co-creating innovative ministry approaches with neighbours
- Leaders discerning long-term work alongside urban marginalized communities
- Leaders who are eager to initiate potentially new relationships and can imagine co-creating a small responsive action with those in the community.

## Participants will

- Understand and practice deep listening (to God, the Community, and Self) as the central posture for effective community transformation
- Embrace the Biblical call to urban community transformation through our 9 Signs of a Transforming Community framework
- Engage spiritual practices that sustain incarnational community transformation by living out our Vision for Spirituality & Rule of Life
- Learn SP's key strategies (church planting, community organizing, leadership development, pursuing partnerships) and how they could be used in their own context
- Develop and facilitate a community listening project that reveals community strengths and assets
- Design and launch a community-based project informed by the listening project
- Discern their personal contribution and next steps for incarnational community transformation

## Structure

- Alternating weeks of online cohort and in-person engagement in your local context
- One-on-one coaching with experienced community transformation leaders
- 3 hours of engagement per week either with cohort or in community engagement

Sample online cohort engagement alternating every 2 weeks	Sample community engagement alternating every 2 weeks
Opening Spiritual Practice (15 min)	Spiritual Practice using SP resources (15 mins)
Cohort Sharing and Q&A — Reflecting on previous asynchronous week's actions (20 min)	Read/Watch brief resource or video (20 min)
Interactive Training (85 mins)	One-on-one coaching session with SP coach (60 mins)
Break	Conversations in your community (60 min)
Preparing to put it into action in your own community (15 min)	Reflect Activities: (25 min) What do you hear from God, neighbor, and self?
Closing Coaching Question (5 min)	

## Practice using the following skills

- Foundational coaching posture: listening and question asking
- Community organizing skills
- Designing and implementation of a listening project
- Developing a community-informed ministry project
- Analysis of cultural and power dynamics in relationship/group
- Spiritual practices for greater sustainability in urban contexts
- Discernment practices

## Examples of themes explored

- Hearing God's call: Listening to God, community, and self in urban community transformation
- From vision to reality: 9 signs of a transforming community
- Who am I in this place? Our identity in community transformation
- Understanding the urban context
- Key strategies and values for urban community transformation
- Listening to your community
- A Rule of Life for sustainable spiritual thriving
- Implementation of listening project and action

## Details

- 12 weeks long in your own city, practicing in a marginalized community
- Online Cohort Meetings: Tuesdays, 5-8pm PDT

## To Apply

Please apply at [www.servantpartners.org/certificate](http://www.servantpartners.org/certificate). You can contact our training team at [training@servantpartners.org](mailto:training@servantpartners.org) for more information.



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