The International Council of Community Churches

Ministries to and with “the least of these”

In 1950, two fellowships in the Community Church movement joined in a historic merger. At the time, their joining represented the largest interracial merger of religious bodies in America. The new creation was the International Council of Community Churches. Member churches united to be a fellowship of ecumenically minded, freedom-loving churches cooperating in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

As a post-denominational movement, the Council has witnessed and worked for Christian unity and reconciliation in human society. That is the work we consistently carry into the future.

As a fellowship of local churches and ministry centers, the Council thinks globally and ministers locally. Congregations share ideas and resources in developing ministries to those whom Jesus called “the least of these.”

Local ministries to those in need include food pantries; distribution of prepared meals; summer feeding programs for children; distribution of clothing and household goods; training in cooking, budget building, child-rearing and household management; distribution of and training in the use of computers for job-seekers; summer employment programs for youth; and more.

ICCC programs offered by local churches and ministry centers are designed to benefit entire communities without reference to recipients’ ethnic background or religious convictions.

Our Vision

The Council is an international, intercultural, interracial fellowship of churches and ministry centers which seeks to realize Christian unity in local, national, and world relations. The Council seeks fellowship, mutual support, and common ministries that reflect the unity of all who see themselves within the Christian tradition. The Council seeks:

To be faithful to the prayer of Jesus Christ that “they may all be one;”
To witness to the inclusive love of God that overcomes all divisions;
To love and serve God, God’s people, and God’s creation;
To seek and share the truth;
To build toward a new world of peace;
To affirm individual freedom of conscience;
To affirm communities of justice, mercy, and love; and,
To be an integral partner in the worldwide ecumenical movement.

We invite your inquiries about the Council, its member churches and centers, and its varied programs.

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