In 1950, the Biennial Council of the Peoples Church of Christ and Community Centers led by Dr. Joseph M. Evans (until then all Afro-American) and the National Council of Community Churches led by the Rev. Roy A. Burkhardt (until then all Caucasian) 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 congregations 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, justice and reconciliation in human society.

“Committed to Community, treasuring diversity, living our faith in service and love.”
What is the ICCC?

The International Council of Community Churches is a movement of community churches and centers who value and respect:

- Being a multiracial and ecumenical communion of churches and centers
- The diversity of humanity
- Unity without church and center uniformity
- Members of the global Christian community
- Its members’ independence without the requirements of denominational membership

Membership

We welcome all who wish to follow Christ. We actively work to build community and seek to draw the circle wider to embrace all races and cultures and people under the umbrella of the Christian community.

Through our ecumenical relationships, we collaborate with our fellow Christians to work for the higher purpose of One in Christ. We speak out to remind our nation and the world that the reason the ICCC was created in 1950 is still relevant today to embrace all races and cultures that we are One in Christ.

To fully experience the benefits of membership in the ICCC, active participation is a must of congregations, centers, and individuals. Active member churches and centers have a real “Seat” and a vote at the table in the ICCC.

ICCC churches are members of the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Community Together.