



# DURHAM CONGREGATIONS IN ACTION

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- 1 - Building relationships of understanding and cooperation among our congregations and in the Durham community, and**
- 2 - Launching new service programs based in shared commitments of our member congregations to restoring hurting and vulnerable people in Durham from the “triple evils” of our society as identified by Martin Luther King, Jr.: poverty, racism, and violence.**

The program content of DCIA’s work has changed over the decades with the Durham community, but the core activities of building relationships across boundaries, studying needs of the community, and incubating emerging initiatives to address those needs, have endured. Your congregation’s involvement has an integral role to play in our *next* 40 years of bold, forward-looking service in the Durham community.

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***Circles of Support and Accountability***, training and organizing volunteers from faith-communities to provide social support and reflection with sex offenders discharged from prison, to build rehabilitation and prevent recidivism.

The current work of DCIA also includes ongoing education and relationship-building among diverse faith communities through our ***monthly Regular Assembly luncheons*** for representatives of member congregations, and ***interfaith dinner dialogues and discussion series*** on different topics and sacred texts.

Lastly, DCIA ***organizes and manages the distribution of funds to many other partner agencies in Durham***, from the annual CROP Walk for hunger relief, from the national Emergency Food and Shelter Program of FEMA, and from the support of local congregations like yours as Seed Money mini-grants to emerging services that address unmet needs with new strategies. Partner organizations benefitting from these funds recently have included: *Alliance of AIDS Services, Antioch Builds Community, Asbury Temple UMC Food Pantry, Changing a Generation Ministries, Christian Assembly Food Pantry, Durham Crisis Response Center, Food Bank CENC, Genesis Home, Habitat For Humanity, Housing For New Hope, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Meals On Wheels, Mt. Calvary UCC Pantry, On Fire For God Mission, Open Table Ministry, Reality Ministries, Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, Salvation Army, SEEDS, Society of St. Andrew, Threshold, Urban Ministries of Durham, and several others.*

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We identify problems and opportunities on the horizon.  
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