

Creating a Culturally Competent Church!

With course leaders Jessica Vazquez-Torres and Lori Adams!*

...Was your church involved in transformation, but wonder what's next?
...Is your church curious about or already doing "Missional ministry"?
...Are you interested in congregational vitality, revitalization or growth?
...Do you wonder why you try for diversity but don't always achieve it?
...As you encounter diverse people in your daily life, do you wonder if there's a better way to relate to people so different from you?

If you answered "yes" to ANY of these questions, the ACTS class on cultural competency is for you! Cultural Competency is a necessary step to any congregation seeking to move into the 21st century with vitality, and we are certain that EVERY church in this region will grow spiritually, missionally and even numerically if they apply what they learn from this course!



Every church will learn skills and delve into spiritual reflection that are guaranteed to enhance the church's ministry and, if applied with the wider congregation, expand the church's ministry vastly.

Come to this ACTS class, guaranteed to help you and your church grow in meaningful ways.

- ❖ Friday, February 17 at 5 PM until 4 PM on Saturday, February 18
- ❖ Best Western Hotel and Andersen's Restaurant in Santa Nella, CA.
- ❖ PLEASE NOTE: Every pastor will need at least 2-4 congregants to attend, and every group of congregants needs to bring their pastor.



All clergy went through a required Cultural Competence training in 2011, and many said they would be able to apply their learnings more effectively if their lay leaders were exposed to the same training. By learning how to effectively engage in cross-cultural interactions, a church will be better able to do outreach, community relations, evangelism, or anything else that is part of that church's strategy for growing spiritually, missionally and numerically.

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Lori Adams is the Transitional President of Church Extension, the General Ministry of the Disciples of Christ dealing with New Church, New Beginnings, and church loans. During her tenure at Church Extension, Lori Adams has helped foster up one of the strongest anti-racism teams in the denomination.

Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada
Cultural Competence Training

February 17-18, 2012

Santa Nella, CA (Pea Soup Andersen's and Best Western)

Registration begins Friday at 4:00 p.m., program at 5 and dinner served promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Event ends Saturday at 4pm.

Deadline: Wednesday February 8, 2012

Minimum Rates: (includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday)

\$90 per person (DOES NOT INCLUDE COST OF HOTEL)

We gladly welcome any payments beyond the minimum cost.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE BEST WESTERN SANTA NELLA. IF YOU WANT TO RESERVE A ROOM, THERE IS A BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED FOR "THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH" WITH TWO QUEEN BEDS IN EACH. (Breakfast included at hotel)

To reserve a room, call [\(209\) 826-5534](tel:2098265534). The rooms are \$70.99 plus tax.

Registration Form

Please type or print the following information and return with your payment.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City/State/Zip

Preferred Phone Number: () _____ Cell Home Work

Email _____

Church Home: _____ City: _____

At least one clergy and two to four lay people are coming from our church!

Dinner Friday (check one): hot turkey sandwich greek salad Split pea soup in bread bowl fettucine alfredo

Lunch Saturday (check one): soup/salad/bread avocado & tuna salad Patty melt w/fries

Special Needs: vegetarian Allergies: _____

NOTE: The room where we are meeting DOES have stairs. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone number: _____

All registrations must include payment.

(All checks can be made payable to CCNC-N, Memo: ACTS)

Credit Card: \$ _____ Visa MasterCard Number: _____

Signature: _____

Check enclosed Church will pay \$ _____

Scholarship assistance
for laypeople is
available; call the
Regional Office

Send all completed registration forms with payment to: CCNC-N, 9260 Alcosta Blvd, C-18, San Ramon, CA 94583