

Turning Strangers into Neighbors



Stranger to Neighbor Congregations Model:

****For diverse congregations that agree to utilize shared religious values (welcoming the stranger, dignity of all human beings, love of neighbor as ourselves) and the following 4 steps to broaden their understanding of who their neighbor is and put their faith into action!***

Education: Learning from resources that deepen perspectives and challenge stereotypes about those of other cultures, nationalities, and religions – growing in our understanding of and respect for our newest neighbors.

Exchange: Creating opportunities to build lasting personal relationships with those different from us - eating, sharing stories, dancing, kicking a soccer ball together – building greater empathy and trust; identifying shared values and concerns.

Action: Assessing what has been learned and experienced, then putting our faith into action together to improve the lives of our newest neighbors in a way that is cooperative, empowering, and mutually-beneficial to all – demonstrating that we are better together.

Sharing the Story: Collecting and sharing compelling stories that prove we are a safer, healthier, more inclusive and united community when strangers become neighbors.



- Accepted by law enforcement, health centers, city departments, schools, and businesses – based on community trust and program integrity.
- Operating in 25 locations across NC and the nation – over 25,000 card holders.
- Utilize FaithAction ID Drive and Dialogue model to build greater understanding, trust and cooperation between newcomers and law enforcement (and other sectors).
- Hosted by diverse houses of worship (churches, temples, mosques).
- Increase access, dignity, and sense of belonging, while building a safer, healthier, more inclusive and united community for all.
- Open to ALL, and especially useful to newcomers with limited or no status, elderly and homeless populations, LGBTQ community, and those who support a diverse and inclusive community.