



Communities First Association

May 1, 2015

CFA Semi-Annual Gathering

Hosted by Wendy McCaig



This year our Spring Gathering was held in Richmond, Virginia home to one of our Affiliates Wendy McCaig. To gain a more in depth perspective on our time together please click on the hyperlink below.

[CFA Semi-Annual Spring Gathering](#)

Our next Semi-Annual Gathering will take place in Chicago in October 2015. More details coming soon...

New Board Member

Mr. Earl James



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome CFA's newest board member, Mr. Earl James, to the CFA family. Mr. James is the Coordinator of Congregational Missional Mosaic for the Reformed Church for America. He brings a wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and experience to the board and we look forward to having him serve on our board. Welcome Mr. James!

The Ning Site:



We are proud to announce the unveiling of CFA's new online learning community. Our very own Ms. Bernadette Arthur developed and unveiled the CFA Ning site at this years Spring Gathering. The purpose of the Ning site is to help CFA fulfill its mission to provide a supportive learning

environment, resources, and tools to those who transform communities. The site was also developed to create intentional space for Community Developers to develop professionally and to enhance their access to their peers locally, regionally, and nationally via an online portal.

The best part about it is... EVERYONE is welcome! So if you have a passion for community development and you would like to meet like minded people sign up and sign in and become a member of this online learning community.

To join this new virtual Community please click below:

[The CFA Ning Site](#)

Mission: Community Renewal

Working in true Community

Mission Year, CFA, and World Renew have come together to develop a cohort of six young adults ages 18-29 to participate in a cohort for two years in Chicago's Lawndale Community. Participants will be serving, learning, and implementing the principles of asset-based community development.



For more information please email Brandon Allen at:

info@cfapartners.org

Jubilee Jobs

Jubilee Jobs is a non-profit, community-based job placement organization in Washington, DC. Using a professional job placement process, Jubilee Jobs has placed over 24,000 inner-city residents in entry-level jobs. The majority of their clients have some sort of barrier to employment - homelessness, record, former addiction or are recent immigrants.



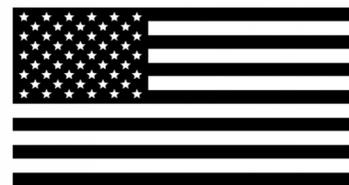
For more information about this organization please visit their website by clicking below:

[Jubilee Jobs](#)

Professional Development

Core Competency: Cultural Competency

"The real crisis isn't one night of young men in the street rioting. It's something perhaps even more inexcusable - our own complacency at the systematic long-term denial of equal opportunity to people based on their skin color and ZIP code." ~Nicholas Kristof



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To read the article in it's entirety please click the link below:

["When Baltimore Burned"](#)

The Sankofa Journey

"Reach Back and Get it"



The Sankofa Journey is an intentional, cross-racial prayer journey that seeks to assist disciples of Christ on their move toward a righteous response to the social ills related to racism. This interactive experience explores historic sites of importance in the Civil Rights movement and sites of oppression and inequality for people of color, while seeking to move participants toward healing the wounds and racial divide caused by hundreds of years of racial injustice in the United States. The next Sankofa journey will be **July 30 through August 2, 2015**. We hope that you are able to attend this life changing journey!

For more information click on The Sankofa Journey link below:

[The Sankofa Journey](#)

To download the registration form, [click here](#).

The Oasis

An Inspirational Word



"To be a person of character requires you to surrender to Gods standards, values, and principles. Character requires you to continue in a state of surrender when God's law makes sense and when it doesn't. It assumes you will abide by his word when it benefits you and when it sets you back. People of character do the right thing even when doing right delays or dismantles their vision." ~Andy Stanley

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