



Dear Shalomers:

As you know, the National Shalom Resource Center at Drew University is offering a one-week intensive Shalom Training course at the seaside retreat center in Ocean Grove, NJ, June 20-25, 2010. It starts with orientation/hospitality on Sunday evening and concludes on Friday at 1pm.

This Training week is designed especially for

- new Shalom Site Coordinators
- Shalom Team members who have not had the training or who want a refresher course
- Leaders with an interest in starting a Shalom Zone in their area
- designated Regional Shalom Trainers seeking national certification

The cost for the week is about \$700, broken down as follows:

\$200 program fee (includes 3 CEUs and Certificate of Completion)

\$187.50 for housing (double occupancy and includes breakfast)

\$300 or less for travel & other food expenses

New *ShalomZone Training* units will be introduced and your feedback solicited as we move toward producing a new Shalom Training Workbook. Beach time and downtime are built into the intensive schedule.

Attached are a program description, daily training schedule and registration form. To register, please complete and return the form to National Shalom Resource Center before May 15.

On behalf of the National Training Team, I hope to see you in the Grove!

Shalom,

Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D.
National Director



SHALOM WEEK AT OCEAN GROVE

June 20-25, 2010

Co-sponsored by Shalom Resource Center, Drew University and
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Orientation/hospitality: Sun. 2-4pm **First session:** Mon 9am **Last session ends:** Friday, 1pm

Theology and Practice of *Shalom* (3 CEU's)

This 5-day intensive course may be taken in one of three tracks: 1) for DMIN academic credit; 2) for CEU's as an introduction to ShalomZone Training; or 3) for certification for regional Shalom Trainers. Morning sessions are focused on the theology and practice of *Shalom/Salaam/Peace*—as used by interpreters of Jeremiah 29:7 in the Bible: “*Seek the shalom of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its shalom you will find your shalom.*” In the afternoon sessions, participants will either 1) learn more about *asset-based community development*¹ and practice specific skill sets and strategies for Shalom ministry; or 2) develop their own practical theology of Shalom through deep reading, critical discussion, and reflecting on our their own experience in community ministry. Evening workshops, focused new methods and tools to train others working in Shalom sites, are exclusively for regional trainers seeking certification. All participants will learn and apply several training units used in community development, including:

- Six Threads of Shalom to re-weave communities in transition
- Stepping Up from social services to community development
- Practical Steps in seeking systemic change
- Congregational-Community partnerships
- Understanding and strengthening multicultural relationships
- Introduction to community organizing
- Community Asset Mapping
- Defining and developing a Community of Shalom

Instructors: Dr. Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D., National Director of Communities of Shalom, Drew University; and Annie Allen, MPA, MDIV, National Trainer and Program Associate, Communities of Shalom; and selected experts in specific areas of training.

Cost: \$200 program fee for 3 CEUs, plus \$187.50 housing in Grove Hall (double occupancy).

For more information: Contact Dr. Michael Christensen at shalom@drew.edu 973-408-3848

¹ **Asset-Based Community Development** (ABCD) is an approach to community development that focuses on the strengths rather than the deficiencies of a particular community, prioritizes a *resource assessment* rather a traditional *needs assessment* and utilizes community asset-mapping and coalition building strategies for comprehensive planning in community development. Originally developed by the School of Social Work at Northwestern University, ABCD is used by Drew University as its preferred training model in Communities of Shalom faith-based community development network. See www.communitiesofshalom.org

Shalom at Ocean Grove Training Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily 9:00 am to 10:00am	Shalom Inspiration Community Room	Shalom Inspiration Tabernacle	Shalom Inspiration Park	Shalom Inspiration Cross	Shalom Inspiration Community Room
10:30am Thread	Acrostic S	 H	 A	 O	 M
Group formation exercises/reports					Strategic Planning Futuring
12:30pm Lunch Break					
2:00- 5:00pm Skill Set Track 1 Track 2	Prophetic Imagination	Asset Mapping in "God's Square Mile"	L Spiritual Formation God, Self, Neighbor	Organizing for Action Power Analysis Empowerment	Depart (1:00pm)
5:00pm Dinner Break and time for prophetic imagination					
7:30 – 9:00pm Train the Trainers Workshop Assignments and Resources			Agape Feast		

June 21-25, 2010
Community Room



SHALOM WEEK AT OCEAN GROVE

June 20-25, 2010

Sponsored by Communities of Shalom at Drew and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Dates and Times:

Check in: Sunday, June 20, 2:00 - 4:00pm

First class session: Monday, June 21, 9:00am

Last session ends: Friday, June 25, 1:00pm

Who Should Register? 1) Shalom site coordinators and team members desiring three CEU's in Asset-Based Community Development; 2) Regional Shalom Trainers seeking National Certification.

Cost: \$200 program fee (includes 3 CEUS), plus \$187.50 housing in Grove Hall (double occupancy and includes breakfast). Travel & food expenses, and single occupancy room, are additional.

Are Scholarships available? Limited funds are available to *Regional Shalom Trainers* for either the program fee, transportation, or housing in Grove Hall. To apply, please send request, statement of need, provision of local support, and judicatory authorization to Dr. Michael Christensen, National Director, Drew University, shalom@drew.edu 973-408-3848

To register, please complete and return this form to National Shalom Resource Center, 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, with your \$200 deposit (payable to Drew University).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name and address of Shalom Site: _____

Endorsement of Shalom Ministry in Region or Annual Conference: _____

I wish to register as ___authorized regional trainer ___participant for continuing education

Scholarship requested: ___program fee ___transportation ___housing

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2010 Grove Hall rooms available on first come/first serve basis.