

Antioch Intentional Communities

Fostering Biblically Based Communities of Reconciliation

Antioch Establishes: The Qahal Intentional Community

Our call to college campuses is to help establish and nurture an on-campus housing program that would promote growth, while addressing issues that affect the everyday lives of the students. As a result of our desire to continue to explore the richness of intentional communities, we have established *The Qahal: Intentional Community* (note: once it is adopted by a particular college, the actual name of the housing program can be determined by the school).

The Qahal is first and foremost a discipleship community. All those who are a part of the community are encouraged and challenged to grow in spiritual maturity and to strengthen their personal walk with Christ. Secondly, the program is committed to addressing the issue of reconciliation. It focuses on racial and cross-gender reconciliation, however it also encompasses other forms of reconciliation such as denominational and economical, etc. The third and fourth components of the program are leadership development and service.

We are pleased to announce that NorthWestern College in St. Paul, MN is currently participating in our program. They have about 35 students who have committed to spend the next year living in *The Qahal*, while learning to work through the various issues that are addressed in our curriculum. If you think that you would be interested in having this program at your school, please feel free to contact us. We would love to assist you and your school in anyway that we possibly can. Growth in the Body of Christ is a team effort and it is our desire to join you in your efforts to grow!



On the left, the ladies of *The Qahal* at NWC are hard at work going through their Student Notebooks.

On the right, the men engage in a hearty discussion, complete with a meal. There's nothing like food and fellowship!



Antioch Inc. is a non-profit organization that is committed to the ministry of reconciliation, breaking down barriers between ethnicities, genders and classes, promoting unity in the body of Christ and helping the Church to actively deal with social issues. We do this by fostering intentional communities on college campuses, in neighborhoods and churches. Intentional community is broadly defined as any group of people who commit themselves to meeting together for purposes of reconciliation. In the state of Massachusetts, Antioch Inc. is operating as Antioch Intentional Communities.

*Happy Holidays from Every at Antioch
And Remember Tis the Season for Giving!*

(See the back of this attachment to see how you can help support Antioch in our efforts to promote unity and reconciliation throughout the world.)



Lausanne World Evangelization Forum by: John Runyon

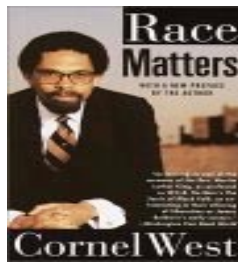
Forty-eight people from across the world gathered at the World Evangelization Forum in Pattaya, Thailand this September as part of the issue group *Pursuing God's Reconciling Mission in a World of Destructive Conflicts*. The Holy Spirit bound us together as we told stories of pain, hope, and reconciliation. Through our time in Pattaya, a new global network for reconciliation was born. As Chris Rice, our convener, said before the conference, "I have been feeling like the birth of something new is taking place."

It was also his vision of people from the various conflicts around the world washing each other's feet that gave birth to our report to the Lausanne Forum, which had to communicate our time together as an Issue Group in five minutes. Our representatives of Hutu, Tutsie; Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox; Israeli and Palestinian; Asian, Black, and White Americans; male and female washed each other's feet as two others read the covenant we adopted. The Forum responded powerfully; everyone was on their feet and many were in tears. God was truly there, giving birth to a new move of His Spirit.



The Resource Review

Race Matters By: Cornel West
Race Matters is a short collection of essays by one of America's foremost thinkers, Cornel West. Approaching issues from Black sexuality to Black leadership to Affirmative Action with the moral



authority of somebody who feels the pain of racism in the U.S., West never wavers in his passion. He continually points to the need for active solutions that go beyond today's Liberal or Conservative answers. This book is valuable for both beginners and experienced travelers on the journey of Racial Reconciliation.

Here are some ways that you can serve with Antioch:

- 1) Pray for reconciliation in your church, on your campus, in your city and throughout the U.S. and the world.
- 2) Read some of the recommended resources and try to identify where there is a need for reconciliation in your church, your city, your school or your own personal life.
- 3) If you are on a college campus, consider starting a Qahal intentional community.
- 4) If your kids or friends are in college, make them aware of Qahal and encourage them to participate.
- 4) Be intentional about building cross-cultural relationships and be open to learning.
- 5) Give a donation.

Please consider making a donation to Antioch as we seek to promote reconciliation around the world:

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