



Faith Relations Committee Member Job Description

Committee Description:

The purpose of the Faith Relations Committee is to engage churches and other faith communities for volunteer and financial support of WCHF's mission of serving low-income families through affordable homeownership.

The committee as a whole will be dedicated to the following goals:

- Increase volunteer engagement in the faith community.
- Hold faith leadership events and interfaith builds.
- Engage faith organizations in print, email or social media campaigns.

Time Commitment:

The Faith Relations Committee meets on the third Monday of each month. Meetings are held virtually or at the Habitat office at 109 Water Street. Duration 1.5 hours.

Participating in committee activities and communicating with churches. (3-5 hours/month)

Volunteer & Committee Responsibilities:

Faith Relations team members are responsible for:

- Approaching clergy and lay leaders about involving their churches in WCHF's volunteer engagement activities.
- Suggesting partnership possibilities to faith organizations that are in alignment with their ministry goals.
- Supporting church leaders with promotional materials, making presentations to churches, answering questions and offering encouragement to church leadership.
- Participating in monthly faith relations committee meetings. Participate in committee activities.

Preferred Skills/Abilities:

Faith Relations team members should have:

- The desire to lead congregations into a partnership with WCHF.
- Previous experience with outreach ministries of their own congregation.
- Patience. Recruiting churches requires repeated contacts with church leadership: in person visits, phone calls, e-mail messages and postal mailings.
- Willingness to make presentations to faith organizations and church leadership.
- Support and be able to communicate Habitat's Nonproselytizing Policy, "Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations (Habitat for Humanity) will not proselytize, nor will Habitat for Humanity work with entities or individuals who insist on proselytizing as part of their work with Habitat for Humanity. This means that Habitat for Humanity will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must (i) adhere to or convert to a particular faith or (ii) listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith."

Benefits of Joining the Committee:

By joining the committee, you will:

- Feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in helping to set goals and strategies.
- Network and socialize with like-minded volunteers during outreach events and meetings
- Gain experience in event planning, outreach, and public speaking

Committee Size:

4-6 members

How to Apply:

Complete volunteer application and orientation. Application and orientation information can be found at <http://warrencountyhabitat.org/volunteer/>. Key volunteers are required to complete a Sex Offender Registry and Criminal Background Check. Please contact Jessica Priest-Cahill at (540)551-3232 or jessica@warrencountyhabitat.org with any questions.