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In times of disaster after horrendous disaster many Adventists are realizing their desire and need for training in how to best help survivors. The two four-day session Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP) focuses on three areas: Leadership, Management, and Social Dimensions of Evangelism. Session II includes eight workshops with training in providing volunteer engagement, human resource and board development, how to assess the needs of your community, and much more. Learn how you can be most effective in being the hands of Jesus for people who are devastated or in need of assistance following a disaster. The next NLCP course (Session II) will be at the Southeastern California Conference in Riverside, CA., September 23-26, 2013. [Register](#) by September 4 and save $100. [MORE](#)

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New community center offering inmate video visitation

by Jamie Anfenson-Comeau Staff writer

Beltsville Adventist Community Center pilots first-in-state program

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The Beltsville Adventist Community Center is not yet a year old, but it is already piloting a first-in-the-state program connecting prison inmates with families.

“We’re very excited to be piloting this,” said Glenn Holland, community pastor for BACC, which is operated through the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The pilot program uses video conferencing software and equipment to allow family and friends to schedule an appointment at BACC to see and speak with inmates at Jessup Corrections Institution eligible for visitation at no cost, Holland said.

Holland said he learned about videoconference visitation being used in Virginia through the regional conference of Seventh Day Adventist churches. Holland said Virginia is the only other state to provide the service.

“It seemed like something we ought to be doing in Maryland,” Holland said.

Holland said he contacted the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and last September, a plan began to create the free pilot program.

“We think this is better for safety and it is easier on families in that they do not have to travel as far,” Martha Danner, DPSCS deputy director of Community Supervision Support.

Jessup is currently the only prison participating, but if the pilot is successful, it would be expanded to other state prisons, Danner said, adding that several Baltimore area churches have expressed an interest in participating.

Inmates are more likely to be successful after prison if they have strong family support, but many families cannot make the journey on a regular basis, Danner said.

“If somebody can visit from a remote location and maintain closer contact with the inmate, that inmate may well do better when he or she gets out,” Danner said.

There are 22 prisons in Maryland and JCI is closest to Prince George’s County.

Capt. Anthony Lewis, pilot project coordinator for JCI, said the benefits include not having to search visitors for contraband or worry about visitor safety inside the facility.

“Jessup Correctional Institution was pleased to be chosen by the DCPCS to pilot this video visit program,” said Lewis. “This is a wonderful program and I would like to see it expand throughout the DPCPS.”

The first video visitation was held July 14.

“It went great,” said Holland. “They were really excited to be the first ones to try it.”

The inmate and visitor wished to remain confidential, Holland said.

Video visitations must be scheduled at least a week in advance, by calling the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church. Currently, they are only scheduled for Sundays, as the church observes the Sabbath on Saturdays and hosts a daycare program weekdays, but if demand increases, it may be extended to weekday evenings as well, Holland said.

Holland said the prison video visitation is just one example of ways churches and government can cooperate.
BACC provides other services such as counseling, a computer lab and a food pantry.

“Both churches and government need to be working together to meet the needs of the community that we both have a mutual interest in serving, and that’s what we’re doing here,” Holland said.

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"It was a pleasure to be involved in such a meaningful, useful and well planned training. I found that the Non-Profit Leadership Training is essential to church leaders and organizers and could be beneficial to many more in our congregations. I believe there are many who sit in the pews who are not motivated to use their leadership gifts from God. This is the type of preparation that will bump us up a few notches preparing us for more effective ministry. My plan is to use this in conjunction with my formal training to be a more effective servant leader. Again, thank you for your ministry." - Michele Gamble

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**Session I:**
$150/person       Now thru May 29, 2013

**Session II:**
$150/person       Now thru September 4, 2013

**$250/person**       On-site Registration

To register, visit www.communityservices.org

**Time Schedule**

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Participants may be able to obtain three Graduate Credit Hours from Washington Adventist University.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Session I

Urban Ministry: Understanding the City
This course will present ways to interpret and define the city. It will combine theology and sociology and explore how we practice mission in the midst of the urban reality of where and how people live.

Leadership and Team Development
Participants will explore team-based strategies for implanting change, addressing risk and the possibility of failure. This course also addresses the complex challenges that emerge in building non-cohesive teams and organizations that integrate diversity for positive results.

Risk Management Challenges
This course will review the fundamentals of risk management and insurance strategies needed in a nonprofit organization. Participants will learn to develop the skills needed for implementing an effective approach to analyzing and managing risks in the workplace and during outreach activities in their communities.

Legal Issues and Conflict Resolution
This course is designed to address the legal fundamentals nonprofits will face in the workplace, with particular emphasis on using volunteers and management relations with employees.

Accounting and Budgeting
This course will provide an introduction to the underlying concepts, language and reporting methods for accounting and financial analysis. It will focus on interpreting and utilizing accounting and financial statements for effective business management.

Grant Proposal Writing—A Valuable Tool for Fundraising
Participants will learn the fundamentals of writing a good proposal and how to apply these principles to many possible donor markets. The session includes hands-on work and examples of proposal components.

Session II

Performance Measurement for Effective Management and Ministries
This course is designed to show nonprofit leaders how to use performance measurement to enhance the effectiveness of their organizations.

Theological Concepts of Social Justice
Participants will investigate paradigms that help us see more clearly the biblical mandate for “community-building” and social intervention as a foundational part of ministry.

Social Action from Relief to Public Policy
Participants will discuss whether social action is executed in response to ideological or religious beliefs and the essential principles to summoning groups of people to organize, advocate and create solutions to injustice.

Marketing Fundamentals
Organizations increasingly face severe challenges in their efforts to attract human and financial resources to accomplish their mission. This workshop is intended to provide some practical marketing principles that can improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which organizations meet those challenges.

Board Development: A Guide to High Impact Governance
Participants will discuss board legal and social accountability, roles and responsibilities of individual members and full boards, and tools for planning and evaluation.

Resource Development: Fundraising Strategies
This course is a fast paced overview of information you will need to start a fundraising program at your organization in order to establish a long-term commitment to philanthropy and have a program that builds sustainability.

Human Resource Development
The course will examine basic human resource management issues, such as strategic workforce planning, hiring, training, personnel evaluation.

Volunteer Engagement
Participants will learn how to transform volunteer management into volunteer engagement, which requires a shift in language attitude, philosophy, intention and action.

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Talk about power! This is going to be powerful! Like the newsboys used to say, “Extra! Extra! Read all about it!” Tell your network of family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to Register Today at www.festivalofthelaity.com.
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