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Fellowship for the Common Good Announcement and Application

OVERVIEW

At [Allegany Franciscan Ministries](#), we believe in the power of individuals to make a difference in the places where they live – to drive change and foster good in ways that create healthier, safer and more connected communities. For this reason, we are launching the *Fellowship for the Common Good*, a 12-month resident leadership development program designed to build community capacity and sustainability through enhanced community-based leadership in all three [Common Good Initiative](#) Communities: Overtown, Wimauma, and Lincoln Park. The *Fellowship for the Common Good* is one part of an overall plan designed to mobilize communities towards better health and wellness through community engagement, a long-term commitment to resources and increased collaboration among residents and stakeholders.

THE PROGRAM

Fellows will receive civic leadership education both in-person and through virtual instruction, individualized coaching as well as post-fellowship professional development specifically tailored to their interests. Fellows will additionally have access to structured and non-structured peer networking as well as participate in an out-of-state site visit. While the program is intensive, requiring quarterly travel, monthly sessions and ongoing assignments designed to reinforce learning, the opportunity is designed to be accommodating of individual's life roles and responsibilities.

As part of the program, Fellows will receive:

- A \$5,000 stipend.
- A tablet to allow the Fellow to interact virtually, access resources and complete assignments.
- Financial assistance to support travel and other expenses (e.g., mileage, child care).

REQUIREMENTS

Because we believe that leadership shows up in countless ways, we are seeking Fellows who hold traditional leadership roles, as well as those who lead in more quiet or non-traditional ways. Principally, we are looking for individuals who have a passion to advocate and to serve. The ideal candidate would possess the following characteristics and qualities:

- Strong affection for their community and the people who live there.
- Strong desire to affect change and lead by example.
- Motivation to act, and an openness to listen.
- Willingness to build personal strengths, face weaknesses and grow as an individual and a leader.
- Long-term commitment to serve one's community.

Fellows are expected to attend all sessions. That includes 3 quarterly learning sessions – held in different cities across the state of Florida - and involving a half-day of travel and a one and a half days of instruction (October 19-21, 2017; January 18-20, 2018; April 26-28 2018; August 2-4, 2018), as well as 2-hour virtual sessions to be held on a monthly basis. Additionally, Fellows will be expected to set aside 2 – 4 hours per month to work with a coach. The program is designed to be highly experiential and hands on, meaning Fellows will be required to activate lessons learned during the sessions within their community and report back to the broader group. The success of the program demands 100% commitment from all Fellows, and thus full engagement is mandatory.

THE APPLICATION

Through the application process, our goal is to learn more about you and your unique leadership story. We encourage you to answer all the questions, keeping in mind that our aim is to create as inclusive a process as possible, so that our final class is representative of the communities we serve. We are grateful for your consideration of this opportunity and are excited to learn the ways you're already making a difference.

Your personal leadership story can be submitted via essay (up to 1,000 words) or video (up to 3 minutes) by answering the following three questions.

- a. What is your vision for your community?
- b. How are you working to make your community a better place?
- c. How would participating in the Fellowship help you do more for your community?

To access the application, click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlleganyFellowship>. **All applications must be submitted electronically.** For those selecting the video option, your leadership story can be created on a mobile device or computer, can be informal, and should not be professionally produced. The online technology allows you to upload your video or record it directly through the application. If for whatever reason you are unable to submit your application electronically, please contact the Allegany staff person working with your community (see below) by August 28th and they will work with you to complete your application.

The deadline for submitting your application is September 1st.

Finalists for the Fellowship will be notified by September 8th and invited to participate in a virtual interview with members from the selection committee between the 13th and the 21st. The inaugural class of the *Fellowship for the Common Good* will be selected by September 27th.

For more information on *Allegany Franciscan Ministries*, the *Common Good Initiative* or the Fellowship program specifically, please contact the relevant staff member below.

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