

“Alone we can accomplish many great things; together we can change a neighborhood, a community, the world.”

- **Who We Are:** We’re looking to form a faith-based coalition of churches, local service organizations, businesses and concerned individuals working together to serve people in Washtenaw County. Often, community problems or issues are too big and complex for one church or organization to tackle. We want to partner with others on common ministries and services; share our resources and spiritual gifts; learn from one another; engage people across differences to find common ground to help strengthen our communities and neighborhoods. We don’t seek change for people, but with people.
- **What’s a Community Champion?** *What will I be expected to do? What kinds of training topics will be covered? What are the specific skills I’ll build and knowledge I’ll acquire?*

Training Sessions	Date	Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about the community you’re serving and the issues facing residents in Washtenaw County • Learning about the resources and services (aging/caregiving and homelessness) available to residents in Washtenaw County who need help • Learning about the role of a Community Champion & Friendly Visitor • Learning about one of the most important skills you can have – listening. And, that involves not only hearing the words another person is saying, but the complete message being communicated 	Sat., Nov. 2 at Journey of Faith Christian Church in Ann Arbor (10:00-12:00)	Rose Jo Ella Diane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let’s talk about faith, spirituality and prayer in our role as a Community Champion & Friendly Visitor • Learning more about your unique gifts, talents and when you are at your best. (If you want to know your spiritual gifts use the link at: journeyoffaitha2.org/heaven-on-earth) 	Sat., Nov. 23 at Journey of Faith Christian Church in Ann Arbor (10:00-12:00) Lunch will be provided	Pastor Alex McCauslin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about how to move from raising awareness to concrete calls to action and, as a result, creating long-lasting change. 	On Your Own: Independent Study (Nov. 2019)	Community Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about telling stories and effective messaging (Story Brand handout) • Learning about training others • Coalition building and developing effective coalitions 	On Your Own: Independent Study (Dec. 2019)	Community Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving yourself to better serve others: Sometimes, it’s a good thing to be selfish • DIY Self-care Kit 	Sat., Dec. 7 at Journey of Faith Christian Church in Ann Arbor (10:00-12:00)	Guest Presenter Jo Ella
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about developing your goals, target audience and good practices for engagement • Learning about measuring and evaluating the effectiveness of a ministry and community champions 	On Your Own: Independent Study (Dec. 2019)	Community Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint – How are you doing? How is the team doing? • What? So, What? & Now What? rubric • How likely are you to recommend the Community Champion role to someone else? Why? • What can we do differently that would better support your efforts? • “I’ve seen you at your best when ... “ 	Sat., Jan. 11 at Journey of Faith Christian Church in Ann Arbor (10:00-12:00) Lunch will be provided	Alex T. Jo Ella