

## ABCD FAITH ROOTED – RESOURCES FOR ACTION:

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is built upon the original publication: [Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path to Mobilizing a Community's Assets –McKnight, Kretzmann](#). Information around the wider approach is included in the website: [abcdinstitute@depaul.edu](mailto:abcdinstitute@depaul.edu)

### PUBLICATIONS

- [Asset Based Strategies for Faith Communities –S Rans](#). [Can be downloaded for free from ABCD website](#)
- [The Power of Asset Mapping: How Congregations Can act on its Gifts-Luther Snow](#); available on Amazon
- [Toxic Charity and Compassion, Justice and the Charitable Life \(Rethinking Ministry to the Poor\) Robert Lupton](#) –Available on Amazon
- [Transforming Communities](#) –Sandhya Rani Jha: How people like you are Healing their Neighborhoods– Available on Amazon
- [Faith Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church](#)-Alexia Salvatierra; available on Amazon
- [Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places](#). Mike Mather. Available on Amazon.

### VIDEO/YOUTUBE:

- Urban Entry.org short videos: #1: Anything Helps?, #3 Road Trip, #4 Christians and Immigration (Available for purchase)
- Seeking Shalom-6 part video series with interactive platform “disrupting traditional charity”. ([www.luptoncenter.org](http://www.luptoncenter.org))
- ABCD for Churches (The Faith Project) YouTube-3 minute basic

### EXAMPLES:

#### Community Development

- Breakthrough Urban Ministries –Chicago ([www.breakthrough.org](http://www.breakthrough.org)) see their [2017 Annual Report](#); wholistic, community focused, listening to the community
- Metanoia, North Charleston ([www.pushingforward.org](http://www.pushingforward.org)) [2017 annual report shares 15 years of ABCD as a community development corporation](#).
- Episcopal Relief and Development ([www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)) under [What We Do/ABCD](#), describes how they use ABCD, how implement it, why? And many real stories.

#### FB Civic Engagement around Issues

- [www.faithincommunityscotland.org](http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org): Check out their Poverty Truth Commission and learning to listen and stories
- Sojourners e-books: Christian, Muslim and the Common Good; Christians and Feminism, Immigration, Modern Slavery, Environment. ([www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net))

# Asset-Based Community Development For Faith-Rooted Organizations

## Training Workshops for Your Organization

The Faith-Rooted Working Group of the ABCD Institute is now offering training customized to your faith-rooted setting and its relationship to its neighbors. Trainings could include:

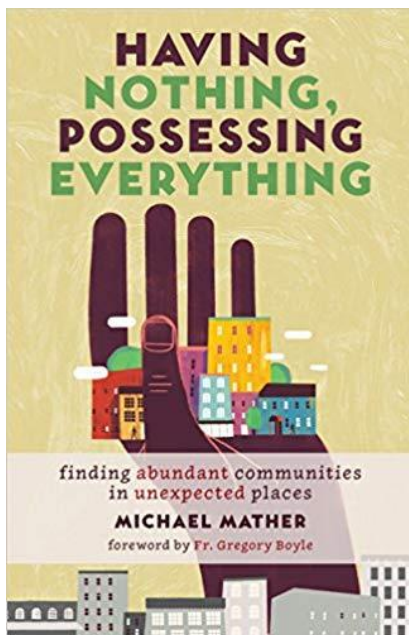
- Tools for asset-mapping your congregation
- Stories and inspirations to open up creative new ways of doing things
- Strategies to connect people over difficult issues facing communities
- Experiential training in your immediate neighborhood
- Ways of overcoming the deeply-ingrained charity model

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) is a way of envisioning community that provides new insight into communities on both sides of your congregation's doors.

Create a dynamic ABCD training workshop at your location. We provide the trainer and curriculum – your organization handles the logistics.

For questions and to set up a consultation, please contact the ABCD Institute at [abcd@depaul.edu](mailto:abcd@depaul.edu) or

We also offer several scheduled ABCD introductory training workshops throughout the year. Visit our events page at [www.abcdinstitute.org](http://www.abcdinstitute.org)



Pastor Mike Mather arrived in Indianapolis thinking that he was going to serve the poor. But after his church's community lost nine young men to violence in a few short months, Mather came to see that the poor didn't need his help—he needed theirs.

This is the story of how one church found abundance in a community of material poverty. Viewing people—not programs, finances, or service models—as their most valuable resource moved church members beyond their own walls and out into the streets, where they discovered folks rich in strength, talents, determination, and love.

Mather's [\*Having Nothing, Possessing Everything\*](#) will inspire readers to seek justice in their own local communities and to find abundance and hope all around them.

Available on Amazon



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