

Our Director

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Communities of Shalom seek to build community, weave unity, and transform the world one community at a time.

Threads of SHALOM

- S= systemic & sustainable change
- H= healing, health, harmony & wholeness
- A= asset-based community development
- L= love for God, self & neighbor
- O= organizing for direct action
- M= multicultural, multi-faith collaboration

Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries

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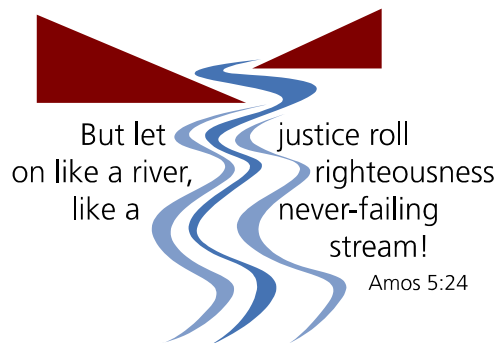
is a place where people of all ages can seek resources to develop skills, participate in healthy activities, and find encouragement for life's challenges. This new Roanoke City mission seeks to address issues like housing, work, disintegrating communities, and education by helping the community pool its strengths and by fostering an interdependent community.



We will help to initiate, strengthen and support ministries to the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of people.

Building Community

All citizens deserve a safe and healthy environment in which to live and raise their children and grandchildren. Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries is a new project of the Roanoke District Board of Missions which seeks to help marginalized residents of Roanoke grow beyond their current circumstances and face the challenges of poverty, crime, and inadequate education.



We will participate with people oppressed by unjust economic, political and social systems in programs that seek to build just free and peaceful societies.

Communities of Shalom

is a grass-roots, faith-inspired, community development network in the USA and Africa.

- Initiated by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Los Angeles in 1992, which quickly spread to other *shalom zones*.
- Supporting local congregations and community groups as they work together with representatives of all faith traditions and community organizations to create economically and ecologically sustainable communities of peace, justice, hope, healing and wholeness in which all God's people experience shalom.
- Coordinated with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

