

THE COMMUNITIES OF SHALOM

The South Carolina Communities of Shalom continue to seek to build community, weave unity and transform the world, one community at a time. Communities of Shalom are equipped local ministry teams in asset based and collaborative approaches to systemic change, economic prosperity, healing and health, and sustainability. The Communities of Shalom have adopted a six-point approach to community transformation that can easily be remembered by the letters of Shalom:

- S** = systematic sustainable change
- H** = healing, health, harmony and wholeness
- A** = asset-based community development
- L** = love for God, self and neighbor
- O** = organizing for direct action
- M** = multicultural, multifaith collaboration

South Carolina Annual Conference still maintains the largest number of Communities of Shalom (31) in the world and because of our history and work, we were blessed to be selected by the National Communities of Shalom Board to host the National Shalom Summit on October 29-31, 2009. We are expecting Communities of Shalom representatives from around the world to be present at this summit. Persons interested in attending can register at <http://www.communitiesofshalom.org>. The theme for the Summit is “**Stepping Up To Shalom**” and the South Carolina Communities of Shalom continues to step up for change. Yes We HAVE!

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