Putting Soul into the Neighborhood: The Possibilities and Pitfalls of Working with Communities of Faith

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Historic influence of communities of Faith

- Colonial
- Spanish Law of the Indies
- Western Expansion

Santa Fe Plaza, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah
Historic influence of communities of Faith

Pre WWII

First Christian Reformed Church
Denver, Colorado

Post WWII

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
Colorado Blvd., Denver
Contemporary communities of faith

Marilyn Hickey Ministries, Denver
Converted shopping mall

Church of the Nazarene
Castle Rock, Colorado
Industrial warehouse
Contemporary communities of faith

Saddleback Church
Lake Forest, California

Doing it large…
must be somewhere in Texas
Contemporary communities of faith

Café and bookstore at Canyon View Vineyard Church
Grand Junction, Colorado
Contemporary communities of faith

Faith based voluntary organizations

Volunteers build houses for hurricane evacuees, Shreveport- Bossier Community Renewal program, Shreveport, Louisiana
Contemporary communities of faith

Separation does not mean no dialogue

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Contemporary communities of faith
RLUIPA
(Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act)

- Equal Treatment
- No discrimination
- No exclusion
- No unreasonable limits
Contemporary communities of faith
RLUIPA Practical Guidance

1. Review ordinances
2. Train staff
3. Appoint staff liaison
4. Flag cases
5. Draft Findings of Fact
6. Do not discriminate
7. ENGAGE faith communities
Call for renewing the partnership