

## Making Housing and Community Happen

MHCH equips congregations, community leaders, and neighbors with practical tools needed to transform their communities, to end homelessness, and stabilize the cost of housing through education, advocacy and organizing.

### Education

One-day Housing Justice Institutes

One-year Housing Justice Cohort

Educational initiatives

### Advocacy

North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative

Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)

### Organizing

Listening to and organizing around the community's stories, dreams and concerns; developing leaders able to equip other leaders, leaders who see and feel the pain, visualize the community and church assets, and who are able to establish appropriate partnerships, such as with affordable housing developers, and other nonprofits like LA Voice.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*Everyone has something unique and important to contribute. Join MHCH!*

- **Housing Justice Institute:** To learn more about the One-Day Housing Justice Institute or One-Year Cohort, contact Jill Shook at [jill@makinghousinghappen.com](mailto:jill@makinghousinghappen.com)
- **North Fair Oak Empowerment Initiative.**
- **Greater Pasadena Area Housing Group**

GPAHG meets at 7 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month at:

Orange Grove Friends Meetinghouse  
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- ♦ **Advocating**
- ♦ **Educating**
- ♦ **Organizing**







## Housing Justice Institutes

One-Day and One-Year Housing Justice Institutes equip congregations, community leaders, and neighbors with practical tools needed to end homelessness and to stabilize the cost of housing through education, advocacy and organizing.

We look at our own personal housing stories, God's housing and land story, tour our community's housing housing story, the story of affordable housing in the US for the past 100 years — factors that have caused segregation and today's crisis, what we have learned that works.

- We look at what churches are doing to build affordable housing.
- The development process.
- Best practices to end homelessness.
- A practical theology of land use and advocacy.
- An overview of policies that work and what it takes to mobilize congregations to do housing justice.

Our first **One-Year Housing Justice Institute** begins 2019

## OUR SUCCESSES

### Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)

- ⇒ Participated in crafting Pasadena's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in 2001 which as of July 2018 has produced 533 affordable units and put over \$20 million into the city's affordable housing trust fund. 690 additional units were created or restored through leveraging in lieu fees.
- ⇒ Successfully advocated to have a Pasadena Housing Department.
- ⇒ Helped make ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) easier to build throughout the city.
- ⇒ Helped to improve and strengthen Pasadena's "Housing Element" — a required document for all CA cities to demonstrate a plan for providing sufficient housing in a city for all income levels.
- ⇒ Strengthened Pasadena's Tenant Protection Ordinance, which prior to our advocacy was more of a ordinance to protect landlords.
- ⇒ Successfully advocated for nine Habitat Homes under the Colorado St Bridge, which was formerly an army base.
- ⇒ And much more!

### Housing Justice One-Day Institutes:

To date we have done eight **One-Day Institutes** with anywhere from 20-120 passionate folks participating:

- two in Broomfield, CO;
- two in Denver, CO; for the Colorado Habitat staff,
- one in Pasadena, CA;
- one in Temple City, CA; and o
- One in Monrovia, CA

### The North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative:

We trained churches to survey 150 of the residents, church members, and businesses in a blighted stretch of the N. Fair Oaks between Howard and Woodbury, listening for the dreams and concerns of residents in this disenfranchised corner of Pasadena.

We asked if they wanted to join this effort to realized their dreams. We mobilized the community to close down the street for the NW Jobfest, which attracted 500 people to celebrate the community, get to know each other, apply for jobs and imagine a new future.

We did listening focus groups in partnership with the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition and identified 15 items to slow traffic and beautify the street.

We trained local congregational leaders on how to go to the city to ask for what they want. Seven of the 15 items are have been completed, including a \$268,000 traffic signal.

