

Worcester Interfaith

Purpose: Worcester Interfaith (WI) is a multi-issue, multi-racial community organization comprised of 22 dues-paying member institutions. By applying community organizing empowerment methods to the faith-based values of congregations, WI takes action on issues affecting families and neighborhoods. *WI develops leaders and organizes power to work for social justice and change.* We offer our members the opportunity to identify common concerns, work effectively together and make concrete improvements in our communities.

Since our foundation in 1993, WI has focused on strengthening neighborhoods by working on the issues of jobs, youth, community improvements, public safety and affordable housing. We have a long history of successful campaigns, mobilizing thousands of residents and securing millions of dollars to support a variety of successful projects.

Over the past year, WI secured job training money and led a city-wide effort to increase state and local funding for 1,300 summer jobs for low-income city youth. We served as a leader in a coalition of neighborhood groups dedicated to reopening and rebuilding our pools. And we worked to keep community schools open after school and in the summer.

Methods: Leadership training and development are essential, ongoing aspects of our work. WI identifies and develops leaders, training them to conduct outreach, research issues, develop solutions, negotiate, and mobilize people for action. Through participation, congregations and other organizational partners build their capacity to collaborate and put their values to work on behalf of their community and its members. By working across socio-economic, racial and geographic lines, WI shapes a common vision, builds bridges and creates long-lasting change.

Member Institutions

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
All Saints Episcopal Church
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Christ Baptist Church
College of the Holy Cross Chaplain's Office
Concordia Lutheran Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Unitarian Church
Iglesia Casa de Oracion
Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad
Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church
Pemet Family Health Service
Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center
Society of Friends
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
St. George Catholic Church
Temple Sinai
Trinity Lutheran Church
Unitarian Universalist Church
United Congregational Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
Worcester Area United Methodists
Worcester Homeless Action Committee

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