

NCN Roundtable Call
Cross-Pollination - Learning from Each Other
April 9, 2022
Resources

Other Communities

“The Intentional Community Podcast”

Jesus People USA members Teel Short and Debbie Baumgartner host their first season of five podcasts, interviews with members of Christian communities and those who are seeking community.

https://open.spotify.com/show/3L05kapzwyRclwAbmLfNfT?nd=1&si=dn8kcAMpQD2PXrmVhONc9g&utm_source=copy-link

Mentoring

“Virgilisms”

Joe Gatlin, a member of Hope Fellowship in Waco, Texas, wrote this piece for the Shalom Mission Communities newsletter in October, 2021. Just as the newsletter was published, Virgil Vogt, and elder and leader for Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Illinois, passed away after a long bout of Parkinson’s. Virgil visited and ministered to many Christian communities for some 50 years. He served as a mentor to Joe and many others.

<https://www.nurturingcommunities.org/news/2022/4/12/virgilisms>

“Mentoring” from NCN Website

Even though every community is unique, all communities undergo similar trials on their path to maturity. Nothing is as sustaining for young communities as having elder communities walk alongside them, bearing their burdens and sharing wisdom.

<https://www.nurturingcommunities.org/mentoring>

Visitations

“What is a Visitation?” from NCN Website

A community visitation is when an intentional community requests a visit from folks from other communities to listen and discern the health of the group. It is something like a community health checkup or community audit in the Body of Christ.

<https://www.nurturingcommunities.org/visitations>

International Relationships

Compañeros -Two Communities in a Transnational Communion
by Joe Gatlin, Nancy Gatlin, and Joel Scott, Wipf and Stock (2017)

On a Thursday morning in 1981, four thousand campesinos (fieldworkers), fleeing a US-funded Salvadoran death squad, stumbled down the rocky, overgrown side of a hill to the Lempa River. Some were mown down by machine guns and the strafing of helicopters; others drowned as they were swept away by the river. The rest escaped to live the next eight years in UN refugee camps in Honduras. In 1989 many of these refugees returned to El Salvador as the repatriated community of Valle Nuevo.

Companeros tells the stories of a twenty-five year relationship of accompaniment, healing, and forgiveness between Valle Nuevo and a small association of churches in the United States, Shalom Mission Communities. The two groups have come to embrace a transnational communion with one another despite the economic, political, and spiritual chasms that exist today. This work is a collective, collaborative effort of storytelling and theological reflection, interweaving oral and written accounts of suffering, thanksgiving, sharing, remembering, and proclaiming the death of Christ until he comes again.