



Toolkit Items

Tool Name: Background Resources

Definition: This list provides additional contacts for policy, research, and university studies as well as topical reading suggestions.

Purpose: This is designed for use as a reference and background material for the State Commissions in focusing their initiatives toward engaging community organizations (secular and faith-based).

Below is a list of resources providing background and supporting information related to the Faith-Based and Community Initiative, including a list of foundations that fund community organizations (secular and faith-based). The available information is extensive. This list should be considered a starting point.

Reading Room

Title (Author)	Purpose	Website
<i>Bowling Alone</i> (Robert Putnam)	Book review on how we have become increasingly disconnected from family, friends, neighbors, and our democratic structures—and how we may reconnect	www.bowlingalone.com
Brookings Institution	Its Religion and Civil Society pages include a number of readings related to the Initiative.	www.brookings.edu/dybdoot/gs/projects/rcs/faithbasedinitiatives.htm
Center for Urban Policy and the Environment—Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis	This site shows working papers and publications related to charitable choice including addressing government accountability, the administrative challenges, the difficulties facing public administrations, and more.	http://ccr.urbancenter.iupui.edu/publications.html
<i>City Reaching, On The Road to Community Transformation</i> (Jack Dennison)	The book is about community transformation. The author presents a compelling and strategic process for mobilizing the Church to reach the urban centers of America, and beyond.	www.citireach.org
<i>Establishing a Church-based Welfare-to-Work Mentoring Ministry</i> (Amy L. Sherman)	Designed to help congregations seize the ministry opportunity afforded by welfare reform; namely, the chance to build face-to-face relationships with economically distressed families in our local communities through which humble, loving Christ-like service can be demonstrated	www.hudson.org/bookstore/itemdetail.cfm?item=1049
<i>Implementing Charitable Choice</i> (Edward L. Queen II)	This paper outlines the provisions of "Charitable Choice" legislation and discusses the beginning of a study, including areas of both qualitative and quantitative analyses. The study focuses on five major areas including organizational capacity to compete for funding.	http://ccr.urbancenter.iupui.edu/PDFs/publications/implementingCC.pdf
National Council of Churches	Webpage for their educational resources.	www.nccusa.org/about/educationhome.html
<i>Preferential Option: A Christian and Neoliberal Strategy for Latin America's Poor</i> (Amy L. Sherman)	This book outlines a new strategy for addressing the economic factors of Latin America's poor.	www.eerdmans.com
<i>Putting Faith in Neighborhoods: Making Cities Work through Grassroots Citizenship</i> (Stephen Goldsmith)	Former mayor Steve Goldsmith explains how Indianapolis invented a national model for creating vibrant urban centers through encouraging citizenship and engaging faith-based organizations.	www.hudson.org

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<i>Reinvigorating Faith in Communities</i> (Amy Sherman)	Hudson's Amy Sherman asserts that the faith sector can make an enormous contribution to overcoming many of America's social ills; that vast parts of the sector remain untapped; and that the sector cannot realistically replace all government welfare programs.	www.hudson.org
<i>Religion and the Public Square in the 21st Century</i> (Edited by Ryan Streater)	This book collects the speeches given by leading thinkers on the topic of government partnerships with faith-based organizations. In addition, it adds to them first-of-their-kind recommendations to public officials, faith community leaders, and evaluators of government-faith partnerships.	www.hudson.org

<i>Restorers of Hope: Researching the Poor in Your Community with Church-based Ministries that Work</i> (Amy L. Sherman)	This book tells stories of some churches transforming lives and identifies the keys to their success. It goes further by challenging churches to take up Christ's command to "love your neighbor" and offer specific, practical guidance on how to reach out. By understanding the challenges of persistent poverty—and the opportunities afforded by welfare reform—you and your church will be better equipped to engage in redemptive ministry that presents the gospel as the true solution.	www.gnpcb.org/home/books
<i>Serving Those in Need: A Handbook for Managing Faith-Based Human Services Organizations</i> (Edward L. Queen II)	Edward L. Queen II has assembled an ecumenical group of researchers and service providers to create a handbook offering practical guidance for religious communities (referred to throughout the book as congregations) preparing to meet increasing demands for human services.	http://fdncenter.org/pnd/offtheshelf/ots.jhtml;jsessionid=PVAWHPRA33IOUP5QALRSGXD5AAAAC12F?id=6200008
<i>The Cathedral Within</i> (Bill Shore)	Bill Shore turns his attention to America's children and profiles leaders across America at the forefront of a new movement of public entrepreneurs who are tapping the vast resources of the private sector to improve community life and the future for our children.	www.communitywealth.org/News/The_Cathedral_Within.htm
<i>The Chronicle of Philanthropy</i>	Newspaper for the Nonprofit World	http://philanthropy.com/

<p><i>Transforming Charity</i> (Ryan Streeter)</p>	<p>Hudson Institute’s Ryan Streeter examines the developing trend to assist those in need in ways that deliver real results by changing lives and changing how charity is practiced.</p>	<p>www.hudson.org</p>
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Policy / Research / University Studies

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American Enterprise Institute	Dedicated to preserving and strengthening foundations of freedom through scholarly research, open debate and publications	www.aei.org
Aspen Institute	A global forum for leveraging the power of leaders to improve the human condition. In addition, its <i>Great Collisions</i> dialogue series is a departure from traditional Aspen Institute off-the-record programs. <i>Great Collisions</i> brings together thought leaders, experts, and policymakers who hold widely diverse viewpoints on issues that divide society.	www.aspeninst.org www.greatcollisions.org/faithbased/index.html
Barna Research Group	A marketing research company providing information and analysis regarding cultural trends and the Christian Church since 1984	www.barna.org/cgi-bin/home.asp
Center for Jewish Community Studies	A program of research and community dialogue to explore the theme of religion and the public square in the context of the American Jewish experience, and to disseminate its findings.	www.cjcs.net
Center for Public Justice: Charitable Choice	This comprehensive, well-organized resource from the Center for Public Justice includes news, FAQs, resources and more all on the topic of faith-based and community initiatives.	www.cpjustice.org/charitablechoice/
Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society	CRRUCS is dedicated to producing and disseminating cutting-edge empirical knowledge about the role of religion in contemporary urban America.	http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~pintod/projmain.html
Faith in Communities—A Hudson Institute Initiative	Mission: To conduct research contributing to public policies that facilitate effective grassroots organizations and to empower faith-based community practitioners through a variety of technical assistance and capacity building initiatives.	http://hudsonfaithincommunities.org/index.html
Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations—Harvard University	The Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations is an interdisciplinary research center at Harvard University based at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. It is part of the Religion and Public Policy Research Colloquium Series.	www.ksg.harvard.edu/hauser/research/religioncolloquium_fall2002.htm
Internet Prospector	An online service mining the internet for information on the prospect community.	www.internet-prospector.org
Journal of Religion and Public Life	An interreligious, nonpartisan research and education institute whose purpose is to advance a religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society.	www.firstthings.com

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Manhattan Institute	A think tank whose mission is to develop and disseminate new ideas that foster greater economic choice and individual responsibility.	www.manhattan-institute.org
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy	A national watchdog, research and advocacy organization that promotes public accountability and accessibility among foundations, corporate grantmakers, individual donors and workplace giving programs.	www.ncrp.org
National Study of Youth and Religion	UNC-CH, funded by the Lilly Endowment	www.youthandreligion.org
The Empowerment Network	Unleashing the potential of Faith-Based Initiatives	www.empowermentnetwork.com/policy/platform2.htm
The Pew Forum on Religion and Life	The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life seeks to promote a deeper understanding of how religion shapes the ideas and institutions of American society.	www.pewforum.org
The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy	To promote a more informed public debate on faith-based social service initiatives	www.religionandsocialpolicy.org
University of Chicago Divinity School	Martin Marty Center is the institute for advanced research in all fields of the study of religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School	www.marty-center.uchicago.edu
University of Southern California	An academic research unit and community partner for faith-based organizations	www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/religion_online/
Urban Institute	A nonpartisan economic and social policy research organization.	www.urban.org
Welfare Information Network:	Provides links to research and policy analysis on charitable choice	www.welfareinfo.org/faithbase.asp

Foundations

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Lilly Endowment Inc.	Lilly Endowment, Inc. is different from Eli Lilly and Company Foundation. The Lilly Endowment was established in 1937 by members of the Lilly family as a vehicle by which to pursue their personal philanthropic interests, which includes religious organizations. The Lilly Endowment is independently managed.	www.lilly.com/about/community/foundation/endowment.html
<i>National Guide to Funding in Religion</i> (Foundation Center)	The Foundation Center publishes a number of issue area funding directories including the <i>National Guide to Funding in Religion</i> , which is available at its five offices and at 200 cooperating collections nationwide. This resource is available in their Foundation database for electronic searches at these locations.	www.fdncenter.org

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Faith in Action Program	This program was designed to draw upon the spirit of helping others found in faith groups and garner that spirit by providing funds to hire a full-time director at each site who would organize and deploy volunteer services through an interfaith coalition. Each coalition would ideally involve several congregations of different faiths in a community. Volunteers would be matched with people with chronic illness, including the elderly, those with AIDS or mental disabilities, and children with disabilities.	www.rwjf.org/reports/npreports/faithinaction.htm
The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation	Through sustained partnerships with colleges and congregations, the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation seeks to improve the lives of individuals and communities by helping meet the basic needs of nutrition and educational opportunity.	www.bonner.org
The Pew Charitable Trusts	The Pew Charitable Trusts support nonprofit activities in the areas of culture, education, the environment, health and human services, public policy and religion. Based in Philadelphia, the Trusts make strategic investments that encourage and support citizen participation in addressing critical issues and effecting social change.	www.pewtrusts.org