Abstract

Creative Project: Exploring Community Development within the Church

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This project was created to assist Fountain Square Presbyterian Church (FSPC) in assessing how they currently engage with the Fountain Square community and in what ways they could intentionally engage and be a more integrated part of the surrounding community in part to combat individualism and isolation by fostering relationship-building between the church and the community. The final product is an assessment which shows the ways FSPC, as a whole and as individual members, is currently involved with their community on a daily basis, an evaluation of the assets and opportunities within the community, and some of the resources of the congregation and how these can be matched to benefit both the church and surrounding community. The findings also include best practices for other community-based churches who would be interested in a similar process to undertake themselves.