



# 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

## LEARNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

JAN - FEB  
TRAININGS

**Mission, Vision, Values and Goals for Children and Youth Ministry:** Thursday, January 16 • 5:30 - 7:00pm  
Children and youth ministry leaders will come together to pray for the upcoming year, celebrate success, share challenges and create ministry goals for 2025.

**Providing More Than Food** Thursday, February 6 • 9:30 - 11:00am  
More than Food is a unique basic needs paradigm that emphasized the importance of addressing the crisis need of hunger as well as underlying challenges so guests achieve economic mobility, increased life stability and support.

**Supporting Caregivers of Adult Family Members** Thursday, February 20 • 9:30 - 11:00am  
Caregiving for an adult family member is a challenging role physically, emotionally, and financially. Leaders will explore the variety of experiences of caregivers as well as practical ways to offer support.

MAR - JUN  
5-C TRAININGS

**Budgeting and Finance: Best Practices** Thursday, March 27th • 9:30 - 11:00am  
Budgeting and finance are critical skills for any nonprofit, yet many feel ill-equipped. This training will cover best-practices, helpful software and key strategies for managing finance.

**Developing Policies and Procedures for Ministry** Wednesday, April 9 • 9:30 - 11:00am  
Policies and procedures give a road map for ministry, guidance for decision-making, and streamline internal processes. This training will help ministries strengthen existing policies/procedures and/or create new ones.

**Soul Care for Leaders** Thursday, May 1 • 9:30am - 12:30pm  
All too often leaders burnout because they are not caring for their soul. This will be a time set aside for the Lord that includes worship, guided prayer, and encouragement geared specifically for pastors and ministry leaders.

**Offering Referrals with Follow-up Support** Thursday, June 19 • 5:30 - 8:00pm  
By offering referrals to community programs and follow-up support to help them make a connection, you are helping achieve lasting change in the lives of the people you serve.

SUMMER OF HOPE  
JULY-AUG

### Summer of Hope

Don't forget to share your summer outreach events on the Summer of Hope website!

Together we will connect the community to events hosted by UA network participants!

[urbanalliance.com/summer-of-hope](http://urbanalliance.com/summer-of-hope)



SEP - DEC  
TRAININGS

**Understanding Addiction** Thursday, September 18 • 9:30 - 11:00am  
Did you know that each year, 1 in 6 people struggle with addiction to substances? Learn to support others and, understand addiction from a Biblical perspective.

**GenNow! Youth Summit** Friday, October 24 • 5:30 - 8:30pm  
Youth and adult leaders are invited to come together to worship, learn, and build relationships. We will explore ways adults and youth can partner to promote healthy relationships in children and youth programs.

**Creating a Hospitable and Dignified Program Culture** Thursday, December 4 • 9:30 - 11:00am  
When the people we serve feel welcome, respected and cared for, they are more likely to share about their life situation and engage more deeply in programming. Explore ways to create a warm and strength based environment.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Leadership Training:

#### DISC for Pastors and Executive Directors

Thursday, May 22 • 9:30am - 12:30pm (for pastors only)

Based on a proven model of leadership - Vision, Alignment, and Execution - Everything DiSC Work of Leaders uncovers your unique leadership style and adapts it to provide a clear, actionable path to more effective leadership. (Limited capacity)

### Freedom Prayer Basics

Thursday-Friday March 20-21

Freedom Prayer is a personal prayer ministry that addresses issues that hinder connection with God.

### Food (Grocery) Distribution Events in Hartford

Share about our free monthly grocery distributions with those you serve!. Together we can address food insecurity by connecting residents to resources! [urbanalliance.com/grocery-distributions/](http://urbanalliance.com/grocery-distributions/)

### Second Chance Churches Gatherings

Join us as we explore ways to support returning citizens (men and women returning from a period of incarceration). Fall & Spring Events [urbanalliance.com/second-chance-churches/](http://urbanalliance.com/second-chance-churches/)

## OUTREACH DAY

### What is the Outreach Day?

Outreach Day is an Annual city-wide outreach in the Hartford community where UA and our partners share information about community and ministry programs that serve residents. This is an opportunity to meet practical, emotional and spiritual needs!

### Community Outreach Day Orientation

Thursday, March 13 • 5:30 - 7:00pm

This orientation will provide everything your church needs to participate in the Outreach Day.

### Community Outreach Day Packing Party

Friday, May 16 • 5:30 - 7:30pm

Help us prepare resource bags for Hartford residents. Each bag contains information about community resources, local churches and tracts.

### Community Outreach Day

Saturday, June 7 • 9:30am - 2:00pm

Share resource guides, farmers market coupons, prayer and the love of Christ with Hartford residents.

## RECURRING GATHERINGS: SPECIALIZED COHORTS & TRAINING

### COHORTS

#### Monthly Professional Counselor Peer Consultation

First Friday of the month | 11:45am - 1:15pm  
(no meetings July or August)

#### Micah Group

Second Thursday of the month | 11:45pm - 2:00pm  
(no meetings July or August)

#### Freedom Prayer Leaders

Quarterly | winter, spring, fall

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & LINKS

### UA Network Resources:

[www.urbanalliance.com/ua-network-resources/](http://www.urbanalliance.com/ua-network-resources/)

### UA Resource Libraries:

Printed: [www.urbanalliance.com/resource-library](http://www.urbanalliance.com/resource-library)

Video: [www.urbanalliance.thinkific.com](http://www.urbanalliance.thinkific.com)

### Program Development Opportunities (PDO) Catalog:

[www.urbanalliance.com/program-development-opportunities](http://www.urbanalliance.com/program-development-opportunities)

### UA Grant Applications:

[www.urbanalliance.com/grants](http://www.urbanalliance.com/grants)

### Toolkit and Printed Materials Request:

[www.urbanalliance.com/toolkits](http://www.urbanalliance.com/toolkits)

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