

# Building Community Partnerships From Proximity to Relationships



*"To seek to join God's mission, leaving our comfort to engage, love and serve our neighbours". (Classis Huron Ministry Plan)*

How do we begin to invest in our local neighbourhoods?  
The first step is simply showing up with openness and care.

In this interactive workshop, we'll explore how churches can build meaningful community partnerships through real-life stories, reflection, and shared learning — honest accounts of both the joys and challenges of building relationships and walking alongside Canadian neighborhoods.

Together, we'll reflect on what it means to shift from doing for to doing with, and how to uncover and honour the gifts already present in our neighbourhoods.

This participatory session will include time for discussion, shared learning, and a Q&A segment, inviting all voices to contribute to the journey.

Workshop Leader: NewGround Coordinator: Amy Baarda

With over fourteen years of experience in Christian non-profit and church ministry, Amy has served in roles such as the Director of Programs at Inner Hope Youth Ministries in Vancouver, where relationships within the urban Indigenous community deeply shaped her. Currently pursuing a Master of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University, Amy is passionate about justice, reconciliation, and equipping churches to join in Jesus' transforming work within their communities.

Your Classis Huron Diaconal Team invites you to take part in this exciting training session, open to all members of the Christian Reformed Churches in Classis Huron, at no cost to you!

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 7:00-9:00  
at: Palmerston CRC, 400 Whites Rd, Palmerston, ON

Please, pre-register by April 1, 2026.  
Click this link: <https://forms.gle/hEZRtFXrJWdAY5W96>

