

People in Your Neighborhood

Find a few neighbors who are willing to be interviewed for 15-20 minutes. Here are some questions you might want to ask your neighbor.

How would you define your neighborhood?

How long have you lived/worked in this neighborhood?

What do you appreciate the most about the neighborhood?

What's one challenge you think the neighborhood is facing?

What's one hope you have for the neighborhood?

How do you think God is present in the neighborhood, if at all?

Leaders in Your Community

Purpose

“I am a member of a local church that is located in this area of the city and we are trying to develop more awareness of what is happening and what the issues are in the set of neighborhoods we are seeking to serve.”

Process

- Schedule an appointment to conduct the interview (will take around 30 minutes, 40 at most)
- Introduce yourself and the purpose of the interview—answer any questions the interviewee might have regarding what your church is doing
- Take detailed enough notes during the interview so that they can be submitted for further analysis and reflection
- Thank the person for taking time to visit with you

Person being interviewed by category: (check box)

___ Police person

___ Fire person

___ Principal or school teacher

___ Business owner/leader

___ Political leader

___ Religious leader

___ Community organization leader

___ Other

Protocol

List the following:

Name of the person being interviewed

Their professional role/title

Name the organization they represent

Suggested Questions

Please tell me a little about your job. What are the primary responsibilities related to your work?

What most brings you satisfaction, both professionally and personally, in your job?

What are the two or three most significant challenges associated with you doing your job?

How would you assess the “quality of life” for community residents living in this area of the city? What are the primary trends and issues which are currently impacting this quality of life—whether for the good or for the bad?

What recommendations would you have for our local church regarding how to better connect with community residents and participate in constructive ways with community life?

What have we not discussed which would be helpful for me to know about in terms of our church working in this area of the city?