

E.S.T.H.E.R. = Empowerment, Solidarity, Truth, Hope, Equality, Reform

ESTHER is an interfaith, congregation-based justice organizing group in Wisconsin's Fox Valley.

Congregation Core Teams:

- Identify and address root causes of poverty and injustice.
- Bring about a greater measure of justice through relationships with community leaders and one another.
- Be agents of change linked to other organizations to empower people.
- Work at local, state and national levels to promote justice.
- Respond to the social justice concerns of people in communities of the Fox Valley.



***“Who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this”
Esther 4:14***

Committee Opportunities

Learn...Educate...Advocate...

TIP (Treatment Instead of Prison)

In support of alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders with underlying substance abuse/mental health issues

Civil Rights of Immigrants

In support of humane policies for immigrants

Education Funding Reform

In support of quality education for all children, including special needs children, children of immigrants and refugees, and children of low-income families

Quality Health Care

In support of universal and affordable quality health care in Wisconsin

Affordable Housing

In support of affordable housing in diverse neighborhoods in our Fox Valley communities.

Meeting Schedule

For information on time and place of committee meetings call:
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or visit the ESTHER page at
www.wisdomwi.org

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is a statewide network of Faith Community Core Teams working for justice. It is comprised of nine faith-based justice organizations:

CUSH	Kenosha
ESTHER	Fox Valley
JOB	Beloit/Janesville
JONAH	Eau Claire
JOSHUA	Green Bay
MICAH	Milwaukee
AMOS	LaCrosse
RIC	Racine
SOPHIA	Waukesha

At the national level, the WISDOM organizations, including ESTHER, are affiliates of the GAMALIEL FOUNDATION.



For more information about our national work, visit www.gamaliel.org.

Participating Core Teams

Casa ESTHER, Omro
Emmanuel United Methodist, Appleton
First Congregational UCC, Appleton
First English Lutheran, Appleton
First United Methodist, Appleton
Fox Valley Islamic Society, Neenah
Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist,
Appleton
Sacred Heart Catholic, Appleton
St. Bernard Catholic, Appleton
St. Gabriel Catholic, Neenah
St. Margaret Mary Catholic, Neenah
St. Mark's Lutheran, Neenah
St. Patrick Catholic, Menasha
St. Paul Lutheran, Neenah
St. Therese Catholic, Appleton
St. Thomas More, Appleton

Friends of ESTHER

Appleton Conference—ELCA
East Central Synod of Wisconsin—Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America
Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin
First Congregational, Oshkosh
Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center
Green Bay Catholic Diocese
Lutheran Social Services of Wis. & UP Michigan, Inc.
NE Wisconsin Association United Church of Christ
St. Jude Catholic, Oshkosh
St. Andrew Lutheran, Oshkosh
St. Paul Catholic, Combined Locks
Hmong American Partnership
Winnebago Interfaith Needs Response, Inc.

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Fox Valley Interfaith Justice Ministry

United to Work for Justice



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**Drawing together people of faith
in the Fox Valley
to build community and
work in the public arena for the
common good of all**