



Fellowship for the Common Good Cohort 3 (2019-2020)

OVERVIEW

[Allegany Franciscan Ministries](#) believes in the power of individuals to make a difference in the places where they live – to drive change and foster good in ways that create healthier, safer and more connected communities. For this reason, we offer the *Fellowship for the Common Good*, a 12-month resident leadership development program designed to build community capacity and sustainability through enhanced community-based leadership in three [Common Good Initiative](#) Communities: Overtown, Wimauma, and Lincoln Park. The Fellowship is one part of an overall plan designed to mobilize communities towards better health and wellness through community engagement, a long-term commitment to resources and increased collaboration among residents and stakeholders.

THE PROGRAM

Fellows receive civic leadership education both in-person and through virtual instruction, individualized coaching, post-fellowship professional development specifically tailored to their interests, and access to peer networking. While the program is intensive, requiring quarterly travel, monthly sessions and ongoing assignments designed to reinforce learning, the opportunity is designed to be accommodating of individual's life roles and responsibilities.

In addition, Fellows receive a \$5,000 stipend, a tablet to allow them to interact virtually, access resources and complete assignments, and financial assistance to support travel and other expenses (e.g., mileage, child care).

REQUIREMENTS

Because leadership shows up in countless ways, we seek Fellows who hold traditional leadership roles, as well as those who lead in quieter or non-traditional ways. Individuals must have a passion to advocate and to serve. The ideal candidate possesses the following characteristics and qualities:

- Strong affection for their community and the people who live there.
- Strong desire to affect change and lead by example.
- Motivation to act, and an openness to listen.
- Willingness to build personal strengths, face weaknesses and grow as an individual and leader.
- Long-term commitment to serve their community.

Fellows must live within the geographic boundaries of the community – Overtown, Wimauma, or Lincoln Park. Click [HERE](#) to view the established borders, or contact us if you have a question regarding eligibility.

Fellows are expected to attend all sessions. This includes four quarterly learning sessions that each involve a half-day of travel and one or two full days of learning, **(October 10-12, 2019, January 17-19, 2020, May 20-23, 2020, and September 10-12, 2020)**. **Three of the learning sessions are hosted in different parts of Florida; one is held out-of-state. In addition,** there are monthly 2-hour virtual sessions, and Fellows work with an executive coach for two to four hours a month. The program is highly experiential and hands on; Fellows activate lessons learned during the sessions within their community and report back to the broader group. The success of the program demands 100% commitment from all Fellows, and thus full participation is mandatory.

THE APPLICATION

Through the application process, our goal is to learn more about you and your unique leadership story. We encourage you to answer all the questions, keeping in mind that our aim is to create as inclusive a cohort as possible, so that our final class is representative of the communities we serve. We are grateful for your consideration of this opportunity and are excited to learn the ways you're already making a difference.

Your personal leadership story can be submitted via essay (up to 1,000 words) or video (up to 3 minutes) by answering the following three questions.

- a. What is your vision for your community?
- b. How are you working to make your community a better place?
- c. How would participating in the Fellowship help you do more for your community?

For the application, click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlleganyFellowship2019>. **All applications must be submitted electronically.** For those selecting the video option, your leadership story can be created on a mobile device or computer, can be informal, and should not be professionally produced. The online technology allows you to upload your video or record it directly through the application. If for whatever reason you are unable to submit your application electronically, please contact the Allegany staff person working with your community (see below) by May 1, and they will work with you to complete your application.

The deadline for submitting your application is May 15, 2019.

Finalists for the Fellowship will be notified by June 20 and invited to participate in a virtual interview with members from the selection committee between June 24 and July 18. Fellows will be selected by August 9.

For more information on *Allegany Franciscan Ministries*, the *Common Good Initiative* or the Fellowship program specifically, please contact the relevant person below.

Lincoln Park – Upendo Shabazz - ushabazz@afmfl.org, 561-802-9013

Overtown – Daniel Gibson - dgibson@afmfl.org, 305-860-1441

Wimauma – Cheri Wright-Jones - cwrightjones@afmfl.org, 813-685-3232

Spanish-speakers from any community may contact Lucas Diaz – ldiaz@cipl.us, 504-473-9958

Hispano hablantes de cualquiera de las comunidades pueden contactar a Lucas Díaz – ldiaz@cipl.us, 504-473-9958

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