

A REGION OF ABUNDANT COMMUNITIES

REBUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & COMPETENCE FOR HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

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Is our community life increasingly disconnected and unable to fully provide quality-of-life results?

Are our communities over-reliant on assistance that we do not have the means to purchase?

Does a consumer-over-citizen worldview accelerate the failure of families, neighborhoods, schools, churches, businesses, institutions, cities, states, and the very foundations of our American democracy?

Have we traded our responsibilities as citizens to become consumers believing that satisfaction in life can only be purchased in the market place?

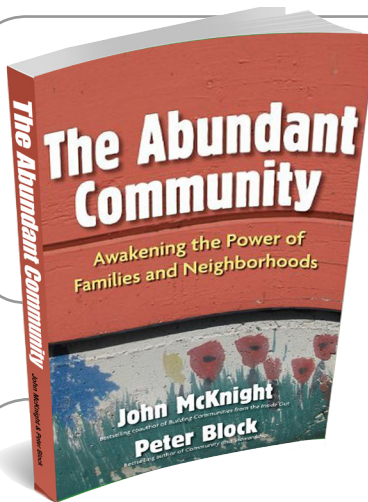
Have our communities and relationships become so polarized that we can no longer appreciate each other and work together to achieve common goals and maintain shared quality-of-life opportunities?

No

Really?! Lucky you!

Yes!

Then check out **"The Abundant Community"**

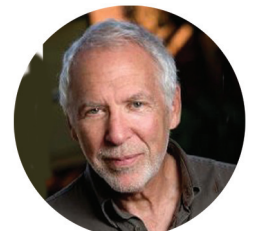


A new book by John McKnight and Peter Block is filled with disquieting perspectives about the depletion of the positive value and role of community competence in American society and what we can do about it. McKnight and Block are agitators for new and different thinking about our shared plight and potential. The book suggests a simple but radical message: We have allowed systems to co-opt community, and by doing so, we are losing our connection to everything that is meaningful and rewarding in our lives. Enhancing the critique in the book are practical examples of community building that can help us better balance and manage the extremes to which our system of isolated consumers and polarized politics has now taken us. This book represents a resource for a diversity of groups to read, evaluate, and discuss together. The message elevates and complements the core values, assets, and functions of healthy families, neighborhoods, congregations, schools, businesses, unions, and other institutions, associations, and organizations, and can be used effectively as a framework for strategizing and acting together toward healthier and more sustainable communities of all types.

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JOIN US
NOVEMBER
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Authors John McKnight and Peter Block understand the value of the San Joaquin Valley and they have agreed to facilitate a discussion on regional community building. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out. Read the reverse side for more information.



DETAILS

KEY DATES

FINANCIAL SPONSORS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

8a – 1:30p

(includes light breakfast & great lunch together)

New Harvest Church
698 N. Minnewawa
Clovis, CA 93611

70-80 delegations of 10 each
from neighborhoods, congregations,
organizations and associations throughout
the San Joaquin Valley

16 SEPTEMBER

14 OCTOBER

1st WEEK of NOVEMBER

16 NOVEMBER

DUE: Delegation Request & Leader Commitment Letters

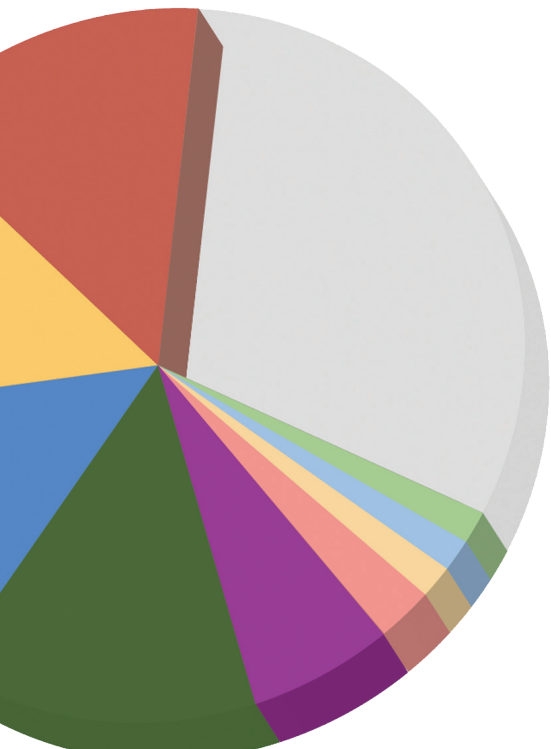
A letter providing the name and all contact information of the proposed Delegation Leader with a request to participate and a commitment to read 'The Abundant Community' and to prepare, deliver, and follow-up with a Delegation of 10 members for the event.

Address the letter to: SJV Abundant Communities
C/O RCI (address below)

DUE: Delegation Registration Forms and Fees
(See Included Form – separate)

TO-BE-SCHEDULED

Pre-event Delegation Leaders' Coordination Meeting
Face-to-Face & Phone Conference



We are raising up to \$70,000 for this Significant Event.

Please join our Initial Sponsors.

- \$10k Fresno Housing Authority
- \$10k The California Endowment
- \$10k Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
- \$10k Relational Culture Institute (RCI)
- \$5k Fresno Regional Foundation
- \$1.5k Paul Pierce & Patience Milrod
- \$1k Lynne Ashbeck – Clovis Mayor Pro tem
- \$1k Deborah Nankivell
- \$1k Keith and Debbie Bergthold

For delegation reservations, additional info or to become a sponsor contact:
 → Relational Culture Institute (RCI)
 285 West Shaw Ave. Suite 201
 Fresno CA, 93704
 Eva Gutierrez
559-276-2304 ext.3#
 eva@relationalculture.org

The San Joaquin Valley

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DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

\$100 Event Fee Per Delegation

DELEGATES

| name | affiliation | address | phone | email |
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Each delegation will consist of ten delegate members.

Alternative members can also be listed for substitution purposes.

Each delegation leader will be responsible for reading the book, convening the delegation during and after the convention and briefing delegation prior to convention.

DELEGATION FORM & FEE (\$100) **DUE BY OCT 14, 2011** to:

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