
Charlotte Area Job Hunter Support Groups

Career Transition Group; Providence United Methodist Church

When: Meets: **every Monday** (except holidays) 11-12 PM; Room 106

Sponsor/Location: Providence UMC – Stephen Ministers

Address: Corner of Providence Rd. and Sharon Amity; Room 106

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Bill Jeffries; bjeffries@providenceumc.org

The purpose of the Career Transition Group is to provide a confidential, Christian fellowship for those making job or career changes to discuss feelings, common issues, and practical actions during their transition time.

You are encouraged to share your feelings and personal issues surrounding your transition. Confidentiality is important to this group and is absolutely necessary for participants to feel comfortable in sharing their experiences. Therefore, all of us are asked not to discuss outside of this group the names of participants or any personal matters we discuss.

Some of the facilitators of the meeting are professional employment transition executives who freely give their time and resources to the group. Their input is not intended to replace professional assistance you may otherwise need in your particular situation, but is offered as practical steps-of-action in conjunction with the discussions of the group.

During your active participation and sharing of ideas, please keep in mind the overall purpose of the meeting as it relates to Transition issues and the presence of God in our lives.

Employment Network; Church at Charlotte

When: Meets: **the 1st and 3rd Monday** of every month, 7-9 PM

Sponsor/Location: Church at Charlotte

Address: 2500 Carmel Road (corner of Colony Rd), Charlotte, NC 28270

Contact: Doug Forrest 704-369-3215 ds4rest@carolina.rr.com

Church at Charlotte Employment Net encourages the unemployed, under-employed, or unsatisfactorily employed in an “intimate” setting where attendees share their job history, what they are looking for now, and how they are progressing in their job search. Attendees “brainstorm” contacts, companies, and job search ideas gleaned while listening to others. We have a membership in www.crossroadscareer.org for excellent job search materials and Bible studies to strengthen the job seeker during their search. We provide spiritual encouragement where necessary. All sessions are open as a ministry to the greater Charlotte community

Christians in Career Transitions (CICT); St Matthew Catholic Church

When: Meets: **1st & 3rd Mondays** of every month. 7:00 PM to 9:00PM; Room 132 in the New Life Building (two story bldg. to the right of the water fountain)

Sponsor/Location: St Matthew Catholic Church

Address: 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28277

Contacts: Deacon Jim Hamrlik, 704-543-7677 x1040; jhamrlik@carolina.rr.com
Jack Rueckel, 704-341-8449; jrueckel@earthlink.net

Just show up for Networking, Interview Skills & Resume review

Careers in Transition; St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

When: Meets the **2nd and 4th Monday** of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Ministry Building at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Sponsor/Location: St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Address: 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill, SC 29715 (803)548-7282
www.stphilipneri.org (you can get directions from their website)

Contacts: Tony Armeni (803)802-0614 [home] or (704)408-8874 [cell] or
scarmeni@comporium.net

Gus Leotta (704)617-4208 or gleotta@aol.com

Careers in Transition is a ministry of professional mentors who provide assistance to persons experiencing a career transition. Join professionals from the parish and community who have volunteered to help you with your career transition! We offer support, encouragement, advice, skill building and networking opportunities. This is an opportunity to hear from employment experts, network with others and learn about the employment market and job seeking skills from professional mentors and other job seekers. We occasionally have speakers and/or panel discussions. Otherwise, the format is networking, Q&A, sharing success & challenges. We usually have at least two mentors at a meeting. Everyone is welcome and they can just show up. We recommend that people bring a resume and/or business cards.

Weddington United Methodist Church

When: Meets: **2nd and 4th Mondays** 7PM in the Hemby House

Sponsor/Location: Weddington United Methodist Church

Address: 7003 Weddington-Matthews Road in Weddington, NC

Contact: John Chaplin, 704-844-0421 jchaplin@themorgangroup.com or jrc_1947@yahoo.com
or Dick Garner, 704-846-2503, rgsg1@windstream.net

Job Hunters Support Group; St Johns Episcopal Church

When: Meets - **Every Tuesday** from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sponsor/Location: St Johns Episcopal Church; www.saintjohn-charlotte.org

Address: 1623 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

Contact: Jeff Searcy (704) 341-2255 jeffsearcy@bellsouth.net

Guest speakers every week and networking among participants

The NetWORK Group; Davidson United Methodist Church;

When: Meets: **First and Third Wednesdays**, 10 AM to Noon

Sponsor/Location: Davidson United Methodist Church

Address: 233 South Main, Davidson 28036

Contact: Dick Brenner, 704 907-5212 brennrf@aol.com

We operate in a relaxed manner for all meetings. Sessions are a blend of 1) member sharing of job interests and needs for help and, 2) instruction in how to find a job through networking from the group leader. The goal of the NetWORK Group is to equip each participant with the knowledge and tools to get the job they want.

NetWORKing Guides are provided, containing complete information on the job search process from the marketing plan to negotiating the offer. It is free of charge as are all meeting sessions.

When time is available, participants will practice interviewing or making networking calls. Coaching pairs are established. A complete listing of all participants, both active and alumni, are provided to each participant.

After the first session, the group leader schedules a one-on-one lunch with new people to get to better understand the help that is needed. The resume and network call text are reviewed also.

NetWORK; North Rock Hill Church:

Meets: Thursday; 7:00 pm on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of every month

Sponsor/Location: North Rock Hill Church

Address: 2562 Mount Gallant Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732

Contact: Tim Bagnell, 803-517-7525 nrhc.network.group@gmail.com

NetWORK is not a job board, rather it will help those looking for a job as well as those seeking transition into a new field. This group is sponsored and supported by the church for NRHC members and members of the communities of both North and South Carolina.

Charlotte Professionals

When: Meets **1st & 3rd Tuesdays** at 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Sponsor: Compass Career Management Solutions

Location: Shoney's Restaurant, 231 Carowinds Blvd, Fort Mill, SC (I-77; exit at Carowinds Exit; Shoney's is across from exit close to Carowinds Park)

Contact: Bill Crigger, (704) 849-2500; bcrigger@compasscareer.com

The Charlotte Professionals is networking group for Charlotte (NC) area professionals that are anticipating or are currently conducting a job search or career transition. Format is sharing of successes; sharing of relevant articles; review of 60 second commercials; networking, what is working and not working in job search; explanation of yahoo group and LinkedIn group; and small group huddle.

Calvary Church is restarting their ministry. The contact is Bob Adams - CalvaryCrossroads@carolina.rr.com

Calvary Church has numerous support groups. The format is (was) great in that you gather in common area where they announced where each group will meet and you sang songs albeit Christian songs. Singing relieves stress and can extend your life – you can sing for the sake of singing even if you maybe of alternate faith and the words do not meet your beliefs or you can skip.

If you have an addiction to something, grieving for someone, etc. you might find an alternate group you may wish to attend. The format afterward was a free or very low cost common gathering over coffee, tea, cookies, health snacks and less than healthy snacks allowing you to network again with all. Since the groups generally finish at the same time you have chance to network with your group and others.

St Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church is starting a new ministry to job seekers. Their contact is Harold Soutier - Harold.Soutier@ltl.com <<mailto:Harold.Soutier@ltl.com>> and Bill Conwell conwel_w@bellsouth.net <mailto:conwel_w@bellsouth.net> 704.366.2047– meets Thursday January 15th
