

# WALKING ALONGSIDE

## ADDRESSING POVERTY IN COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

### Welcome!

You are part of a special group of people who, in the next several months, will help the Center for Family and Community Ministries shape and develop a series of studies for the church focused on community ministries that address poverty. Thank you for your interest in this work, which we believe has the potential to transform both individuals in our congregations and in our communities.

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