



## Churches Together London is about:

- **Learning** together to have effective community involvement
- **Investing** in neighbourhoods through long-term relationships
- **Sharing** efforts, ideas and resources
- **Building** on community strengths and skills
- **Partnering** with local churches, neighbourhoods and organizations

*"Transformational community ministry is the art and discipline of recognizing, developing and calling forth the gifts, talents and resources God has already placed in the world for the benefit of all in the community."*

~ Dr. Mary Nelson in her book, *Empowerment: A Key Component of Christian Community Development*

The Helping without Hurting conference provided some very useful resources, including efforts by the Chalmers Center ([www.Chalmers.org](http://www.Chalmers.org)).

Under the local outreach section of the Helping Without Hurting seminar notes were these good resources. The one on Guidelines for Benevolence could be very helpful for any church. Guidelines for Benevolence, Diaconal Ministries Canada:

[www.diaconalministries.com/resources/docs/guidelinesForBenevolence.pdf](http://www.diaconalministries.com/resources/docs/guidelinesForBenevolence.pdf)

The resources on **Asset-mapping** and **Capacity Inventories** are relevant for outreach in local communities, and very practical. They show the types of detailed questions that are asked of community residents in order to **encourage them to use their strengths for the benefit of their community and themselves.**

An Introduction to Asset Mapping:

[www.abcdinstitute.org/docs/abcd/IntroAssetMapping.pdf](http://www.abcdinstitute.org/docs/abcd/IntroAssetMapping.pdf)

A Sample Capacity Inventory:

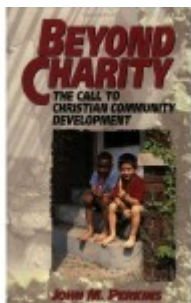
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How to use a Capacity Inventory:

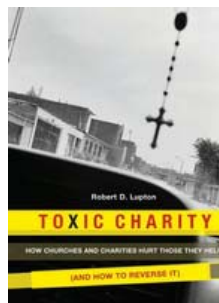
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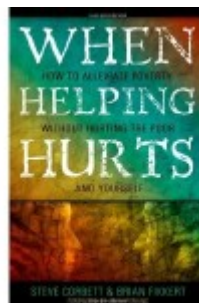
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**Beyond Charity –**  
The Call to Christian Community Development,  
by John M. Perkins



**Toxic Charity –**  
How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It) by Robert D. Lupton



**When Helping Hurts –**  
How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself, by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

## How can you connect in?

**Come to a meeting.** Our meetings are fast-paced, with short presentations and interesting breakout sessions. We value the chance to share ideas.

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