2:00 pm EST: Opening Remarks

Hear from CCHD Director Ralph McCloud with important information about the future of CCHD and announcements as we begin our celebration.

2:05 pm EST: Opening Prayer Service

We will begin our time together with a prayer service honoring all those involved in the work to address poverty and injustice, and in a special way, for all those lives impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer service will be led by Cardinal Blase Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

2:15 pm EST: Opening Keynote: 50 Years of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Speaker: Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Consultant, Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; Co-Chair, National Dialogue Initiative with Muslims; Chair, Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; Consultant, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

For more than 50 years the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been working to empower new mothers, immigrants, the elderly, and families to together address the root causes of poverty in their communities. Learn more about the impact of this work and how the Church has been standing in solidarity with our most vulnerable community members through the work of CCHD.

2:30 pm EST: Panel Discussion: 50 Years of Community Transformation - Past, Present + Future

Celebrate five decades of community transformation and look ahead to the next 50 years of CCHD with this panel discussion. Featuring panelists from CCHD’s past, present, and future, this moderated discussion will include time for question and answer.

3:10 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD
3:20 pm EST: Breakout Sessions

Join one of five breakouts to learn more about the different ways CCHD supported community organizations are working to address poverty’s root causes and learn what you can do to stand in solidarity with this work in your community.

- Worker-Owned Co-Ops
- Empowerment of Migrants & Refugees
- Poverty & Racism
- Access to Affordable Housing
- Young Adult Engagement in CCHD

3:50 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD

4:00 pm EST: Small Groups + Networking

Throughout our two-day gathering, you will have the opportunity to gather in small groups to reflect on how you can join the work to address poverty’s root causes. Each small group will be made up of members of the same geographic area to allow participants to connect on how to concretely put their faith into action in their community. *Groups will be pre-assigned via email in advance of the gathering’s start.*

4:25 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD

4:35 pm EST: Closing Session

We will close with a commemorative video performance and prepare for Saturday’s sessions where we look forward to what the next 50 years will hold for CCHD. This will include some important information about tomorrow’s regional meetings.

5:00 pm EST: Post Meeting: Current & Former CCHD Interns

Are you a current or former participant in our intern program? Join us for a special gathering after the official program for an opportunity to network, share and build community with other current and former interns! *This session is invitation only and closed to the media. For more information, please email CCHD.50th@gmail.com.*
Pre Meeting: Regional Meetings

Join us before the start of the official program as we launch new regional networks that will bring together grassroots leaders, community organizations, diocesan staff and volunteers, and lay Catholics to strengthen the work of CCHD locally. Learn more about pressing issues in your region and learn how you can get more involved with the work of CCHD in your community.

*Regional leadership teams will be in touch with participants ahead of time with more details. Regional meetings are closed to the media.*

- Area A (Northeast)
- Area B (Midwest & Mid-Atlantic)
- Area C (Southeast)
- Area D (Central & Southwest)
- Area E (West)

2:00 pm EST: Opening Remarks

Hear from CCHD Director Ralph McCloud, as well as other representatives of CCHD’s national leadership with important information and announcements as we begin our final day of celebration of #CCHD50.

2:05 pm EST: Opening Prayer

As we prepare for our time together, we will begin with a short prayer.

2:15 pm EST: Opening Keynote

As we look forward to the next 50 years of CCHD’s work, join us for a reflection on how the work of local community organizations – like those CCHD supports – represents a concrete response to the call to universal fraternity and social friendship Pope Francis presents in Fratelli Tutti.

2:30 pm EST: Panel Discussion: The Church at Work in the World: the Next 50 Years of CCHD

As we look forward to the daunting task of rebuilding a society where all can thrive in the aftermath of a devastating pandemic and the ongoing call to dismantle racial injustice, the work
of CCHD is vitally important. This panel discussion will on the current state of the Church, our society, and where the work is moving as we look ahead for the next five decades of community transformation.

3:10 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD

3:20 pm EST: Breakout Sessions

Join one of five breakouts to learn more about the different ways CCHD supported community organizations are working to address poverty’s root causes and learn what you can do to stand in solidarity with this work in your community.

- Poverty in 2021 and Beyond
- Environmental Justice
- Empowerment of Indigenous and Native American Communities
- Economy of Francesco
- Criminal Justice Reform & Restorative Justice

3:50 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD

4:00 pm EST: Small Groups + Networking

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4:25 pm EST: Congratulations from Friends of CCHD

4:35 pm EST: General Session: Action Steps

As we end our two-day celebration, hear more from CCHD national staff about the ways you can stay involved in the work of CCHD going forward.

4:45 pm EST: Sending Forth

We will close with a final celebration and sending forth. Thank you for joining us as we celebrated #CCHD50!