

"And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?"

Romans 10:14

How can they believe? Who will tell them?

A recent Barna survey shows that "of the 86 largest metropolitan areas in the nation, those with the lowest proportion of evangelicals were Salt Lake City, Utah; Hartford, CT and Providence, RI." 1

The survey also revealed that "adults are most likely to claim they have a responsibility to share their religious beliefs with other people if they live in Birmingham, Alabama. That perspective is least common in Providence and Green Bay [WI]."

As evangelicals in New England we need to remind ourselves that God loves spiritually lost people – and he wants us to tell them that. The Philip Center wants to help.

The Philip Center - Helping Churches Keep Evangelism on the Front Burner

Evangelism is hard work. There are lots of reasons why it's hard to sustain. Busyness. Lack of leaders. Loss of focus. Apathy.

The Philip Center offers biblically based inspiration, equipping, coaching and renewal for those doing the work of outreach. Our passion is to help the local church bring the good news of Jesus Christ into the hearts of spiritually lost people.

Don't give up on outreach! It's God 's call, God's heart. We'd love to help you keep evangelism on the front burner at your church.

^{1 &}quot;New Research Exploring Faith in America's Largest Markets Produces Surprises," George Barna, August 25, 2005.

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Keeping Evangelism on the Front Burner

How can The Philip Center help?

We're here to help you inspire, equip, coach and renew Christians as they reach out with the gospel of Jesus. It's our passion, our calling and the fruit of over 25 years of ministry. A partnership with The Philip Center can help your church pursue God's mission of redemption to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Inspire

Christians need a renewed passion for sharing their faith. They need a biblical vision of God's work of redemption in the world ... and their part in it. The Philip Center can help you inspire the men, women and children in your ministry in many different ways. We can speak to your church, meet with your leaders or offer resources for you to use as you inspire the church to reach out. There are many options.



Equip

Inspired Christians need to be equipped with practical ideas and a knowledge of God's Word. The Philip Center offers rich resources to help each person reach others with the gospel. We'll help you choose the best ways to equip your congregation – from a weekend seminar to small groups materials. We can help you sort through the array of offerings and choose the best DVDs, the best books and the best topics for your church.



Coach

Most ideas get off to a great start, but need help to keep going. We'd love for you to put us to work as the evangelism coach for your church – to come along-side you and your leaders and keep evangelism on the front burner. We'll talk with those who are doing the equipping, leading and outreach. We'll pray with them, give them feedback and help build bridges to the next step for outreach. Coaching is what we like to do best.



Renew

The work can be hard, slow and spiritually draining. To make personal evange-lism a habit, the people doing it need renewal. We want to help you and your people stay fresh and be encouraged in the work they're doing. The Philip Center can help weary laborers find rest, retreat and renewal. We can help by offering encouragement, by connecting you with renewal ministries or by suggesting one of many retreat places in and beyond New England.



What Churches are saying about The Philip Center

"Our church is growing and looking for ways to focus our evangelism. The Philip Center has come alongside us and really gotten to know what makes us tick."

Matt Harris

Outreach Elder, Good New Bible Chapel, Attleboro, MA

"The Philip Center has become a trusted resource in encouraging us to boldly communicate the Gospel to people here in the Upper Valley who do not yet know Christ."

Tim Herndon

Associate Pastor, Valley Bible Church. White River Junction, VT

A Distinctive Approach

The Philip Center takes a distinctive approach to evangelism equipping. We offer a long-term relationship between our staff and your church or ministry so that personal outreach becomes a habit. We call that "Sustainable Personal Outreach."

This approach involves two parts: working with individuals in a church or ministry, in order to equip them for sharing their faith, and working with ministry leaders to help them think in fresh ways about leading and equipping the church for fruitful personal evangelism. This approach means that when we provide seminars for evangelism training, for example, we also ask to meet with ministry leaders to talk about leading the church into fruitful outreach for years to come.

Distinctive to our ministry is a commitment to providing our services without charging fees. The barriers to evangelism are already too high to add a financial barrier. We raise funds to cover our staff expenses and ask only for two things: that that a church cover the cost of materials and travel for our staff and, more importantly, that you consider supporting The Philip Center as a part of your regular giving.

Distinctive also to The Philip Center is a focus on churches and ministries in New England. While we serve outside this region, our emphasis is on the particular needs and strengths of the local church in New England.

If you share these values and would like to discuss a plan customized to fit the needs of your church, call us at 401.247.7452 or visit ThePhilipCenter.org. Let's work together for the sake of the gospel in New England!

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Ambassador's Fellowship – a prayer and outreach team in your church
Annual Planning for Outreach Workshop – a special conference for pastors and leaders
The Front Burner – our e-Newsletter for leaders
Weekend Seminars – led by The Philip Center in your church
Focus Groups – a great way to jump-start your outreach
Small Group Training – resources for equipping the members of your church
Leadership Planning – customized planning with your church leaders and our staff
Coaching – ongoing support for all your outreach activities

Staff

Tim and Cindy Zulker

Tim and Cindy Zulker founded The Philip Center in 2003. Tim served on the staff of The Princeton Evangelical Fellowship at Princeton University from 1983 to 1994. He and Cindy then joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ and moved to Providence, RI to direct the campus ministry at Brown University until 2003. Tim holds degrees in English Literature (BA) from Eastern College, English Literature (MA) from Boston College and Christian Thought (MA) from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In his spare time, Tim can be found at his kids' swim meets, hiking in the woods or taming the great outdoors of his own backyard.

Cindy joined the staff of the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship in 1989 when she married Tim. She holds degrees in Psychology (BA) from Taylor University, in Counseling (MA) from Trenton State College and studied for the M.A. in Christian Thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She loves the beach, baking, books and teaching her kids in home school.

Tim and Cindy, with their four children, make their home in Barrington, RI. They are members of Godspeed Fellowship.

Rich and Susan Fulton

Rich and Susan Fulton joined the staff of The Philip Center in November of 2006. Rich served for many years in business management and both he and Susan have served in their local churches in Men's and Women's Ministries. Rich and Susan bring with them a love for sharing Christ, having come to faith as adults. They have begun to expand The Philip Center's reach into Connecticut and have served heartily by overseeing our events.

Rich graduated from Castleton College with a BA in Business and Susan from the University of Hartford with a BA in Sociology and from St. Joseph's College with a BSW. Rich and Susan have three children, live in Seekonk, MA and are members of Godspeed Fellowship.



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