



**The nations are coming to cities.** One hundred years ago, 5 percent of Americans lived in cities; now more than 80 percent of Americans are urban dwellers. 3.3 billion of the 6 billion people on earth live in cities.

Cities are the new door through which the world becomes either a place of peace and prosperity, or a place of violence and scarcity. Despite their impediments and deficiencies, urban cities are still the primary vestibule of promise and potential to become “beloved communities”, as described by Dr. Martin Luther King. Within one city you will find a global representation of ethnic diversity, language, travel and trade. This is enhanced by a strong, growing movement among people of good will and good faith joining forces to take seriously Christ’s call to the city. The call is clear: To heal broken lives and hearts so that **healthy people are living in healthy places.**

## Leadership Foundations Organization

### Vision of LF

Cities across the world will be transformed into places of shalom, fulfilling Zechariah’s vision where “Men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets...each with cane in hand” and where “city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there.” (Zechariah 8.4-5)

### Mission of LF

Leadership Foundations (LF) is an organization that supports the international network of local leadership foundations (LLF) committed to working for the **social and spiritual renewal of their cities.**

### Significance of LF

Opportunities to invest in a contextual, excellent, accessible and affordable organization that affords the following outcomes:

- Local focus with Global impact
- Leveraged resources producing exponential results
- Trusted and tested delivery system
- Demonstrated mechanism that assists in unifying the body of Christ
- Community of people who share a similar vision, mission and values

### Task of LF Staff & Board

**Develop, strengthen, and sustain** the work of local leadership foundations through relationships, readiness, and resources.

### Values of LF

**We value the city**

**We value the vulnerable**

**We value leadership**

**We value the church**

**We value empowerment**

**We value reconciliation**

**We value risk**

