



## Building Bridges

“We all know things have changed. Our own communities have become our mission field. It takes cross-cultural skills to engage our rapidly changing culture. Bridges trains us in these new skills so that together we can find a new approach that makes a difference for us, our relationships and our communities.” - *Bridges website* ([www.bridgesus.org](http://www.bridgesus.org))

One of the focus areas in the Presbytery this year has been Evangelism. We’ve had several panel discussions about **the “E” word**, as well as other opportunities to discover (and debate!) Presbyterians and Evangelism. We may not know exactly what it looks like when Presbyterians evangelize, but we are getting a better picture of what it *doesn’t* look like.

If there is one word we as Presbyterians have claimed it’s ‘relational’. Relational evangelism is different from handing out tracts on the corner or knocking on doors. It’s developing deep relationships in our lives and including faith as part of that connection. It’s looking for where God is working amid our neighbors and friends, and providing the hospitality of a space where those conversations can take place.... Creating a bridge between God and others and the work of Bridges ([bridgeus.org](http://bridgeus.org))! This photo depicts those folks who attended a Bridges workshop at the Gaithersburg church. These individuals learned some of what is needed for the work of being missionaries in our own communities.

Interested in being a Bridge? Want more information? Contact Karen at [Kchamis@thepresbytery.org](mailto:Kchamis@thepresbytery.org).

***Together We Are Making a Difference!***