

About Glen Peterson

Glen Peterson has led and been a catalyst within grass-roots, community, and faith-based organizations in Miami, Chicago, Indianapolis, South Los Angeles, Pomona and other geographies. Glen became interested in immigration issues when serving as an elder and a youth leader at his church in the 1980s. Glen has participated in educational efforts with members of congress, congregations, and community groups. He has designed and managed programs that help immigrant populations assimilate into the American economic systems including financial literacy, banking and savings programs, self-employment and microenterprise, and job readiness. These programs were piloted and used as model programs for World Vision's National Employment Initiative, and Mennonite Economic Development's Microenterprise Project.



Glen has worked with churches and ministries that serve youth, parolees, recovery, immigrants, and other specialized populations. He is passionate about the church as God's tool for transformation of people and communities across cultural, economic and social barriers. He has nearly 30 years of experience with community organizations as a volunteer, board member, consultant and staff leader. He has managed capacity building programs funded by the Compassion Capital Fund (Department of Health and Human Services) for World Vision and Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA). He has contributed to the development, sustainability and growth of community economic development organizations. He is an associate consultant with Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, Southern California Center for Nonprofit Management, Urban Youth Workers Institute, Christian Community Development Associates, California Resources and Training (CARAT), the Association of Enterprise Opportunity and the California Association of Microenterprise Opportunity, Urban Strategies, and NeighborWorks®.

Mr. Peterson earned a Master of Divinity from Denver Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts, Intercultural Studies from Biola University. He is a member of Whittier Area Community Church (wacc.net). He routinely volunteers in the Community C. A. R. E. leadership team, creative ministry team, serves as facilitator and leader for Job Quest Ministry and a small group leader.

Peterson consults with nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations and churches to adopt and install a complete board governance system that links an organization to its moral ownership, develops explicit board level values and holds the organization accountable to accomplish what it should and to avoid unacceptable situations. Glen is a member of the International Policy Governance® Association and trained with John and Miriam Carver at the Policy Governance® Academy(sm).

Peterson was the founder and executive director of a community-based organization with the expressed "ends" to improve the economic wellbeing of South Los Angeles families. Program offerings included microenterprise training and traditional employment programs. Fifteen years experience in this organization produced partnerships with large and small financial institutions providing linkages to emerging markets, financial literacy training for adult entrepreneurs, individual development savings accounts, banking industry job internships for youth, and improved banking services for inner-city residents.

Capacity Partnership Group can help you with any nonprofit, community or faith-based organizational development or program need or connect you with the right resources.