

THE GARDEN OF FORGIVENESS

COMMON GROUND FOR BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

So, how does the Global Gardens of Forgiveness Network© work?

1. Interest in forgiveness emerges in the local community (church, synagogue, YMCA, academic institution, etc.). The Garden of Forgiveness organization is contacted.
2. A speaker from The Garden of Forgiveness (presently, either Dr. Frederic Luskin of Stanford University, or the Reverend Lyndon F. Harris, Executive Director of The Garden of Forgiveness) gives an introductory public presentation for the community on our forgiveness research and work. If there is interest, this presentation can be followed by our three-hour forgiveness training workshop.
3. The community then decides to dedicate a place as a Garden of Forgiveness, thereby becoming a member of the Global Gardens of Forgiveness Network ©. Leaders are selected within the local community to be the “Master Gardeners” of this local garden. A leadership team is formed to study together Dr. Luskin’s book *Forgive for Good*, and the adult curriculum on forgiveness that our organization will provide. The leadership team in the course of their study will also begin considering potential places to be dedicated as a Garden of Forgiveness.
4. Resources and support will be provided by The Garden of Forgiveness organization to the local community through in-person and/or telephone consultations. Resources will also be shared on our website. The stories and dialogues from the local gardens will be solicited for inclusion on our website’s interactive page.
5. The leadership team will receive a Garden of Forgiveness start-up kit that will include:
 - Hand-outs and resources to be shared with the community: What forgiveness is/is not
 - A forgiveness article/template/press release for adaptation for local media outlets
 - Considerations for the local garden: “So what’s a Garden of Forgiveness look like?”
 - Participation in an ongoing dialogue through our website that becomes a resource pool for possible activities for Gardens of Forgiveness
 - Copyrighted “branded” graphics for use in advertising and media relations that readily identify the local garden with the global network
6. The leadership team will be encouraged to participate in the annual Garden of Forgiveness Leadership Forum once these become available.