



East County Shared Housing Conference

October 9, 2025 | 9 am– Noon

Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church
455 Church Way, El Cajon

Register now!



Why does East County need shared housing?

Too many people on fixed incomes are house rich but cash poor, on the brink of losing their homes and joining the fastest growing segment of newly homeless: seniors.

Too many doubled-up families with children don't have tenancy rights, so parents could drop their child off at school in the morning but have no home for them in the afternoon.

Too many trusted messengers – faith communities, healthcare providers, school staff, social workers, first responders – can't provide the one thing our homeless and housing-insecure neighbors need most: a home.

What will you learn?

- What shared housing is and how it works
- How potential housemates are screened and matched for safety and compatibility
- What kind of follow-up conflict mediation services are offered
- Ways your organization can help connect your clients, patients, and congregation members to safe, stable, affordable shared housing

Who should attend?

- Faith community leaders and key ministry volunteers
- Homeless outreach workers and housing navigators
- Senior services providers
- School counselors and McKinney-Vento Act liaisons
- Landlords and apartment managers
- Healthcare social workers and patient welfare specialists
- Law enforcement HART/HOT and welfare check teams

Featuring

Kris Freed, our keynote speaker, has 25+ years' experience in homelessness and housing policy development, creative and innovative strategies, program design and implementation, as well as system operation and evaluation. **Special Thanks** to the Regional Task Force on Homelessness, which is funding Kris' consultancy to teach and train on the practice of shared housing and master leasing throughout San Diego region, including her work with the Lemon Grove Encampment Resolution program.

Melissa Peterman, Executive Director of **Townpeople**, which has been matching San Diegans with supportive partners, services, and communities for 40 years.

Chris Morris, Housing Services Coordinator for **ElderHelp**, which has been helping seniors age with dignity in their homes for over 50 years and operating a HomeShare program in San Diego for over 30 years.

The Rev. Rolland Slade, Senior Pastor of **Meridian Baptist Church**, Chair of the East County Homeless Task Force Advisory Committee.

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