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Jane's Jottings - a Chair's Update by Jane Leonard

I just returned from two weeks in Ecuador on a hiking/touring trip. Walking each day in the Andean highlands confirmed for me yet again the fundamental touchstones that we all share, no matter where we live: family and community ties.

CDS members share community ties as members of the CDS community. In

our 51 years of existence, we carry on traditions begun by our foremothers and forefathers. And we start new traditions, too, as our community re-shapes and changes with each succeeding generation.

These times, however, call upon us to embrace the timeless fundamentals of membership in the CDS community: the mutual responsibility we have to one another to carry out basic and essential tasks necessary for community health & well-being, such as committee service, board service, and volunteering for conference planning and implementation.

The CDS community is not run by someone else for our professional benefit. CDS succeeds – or fails – based purely on what we as its community members give: our time, our energy, our wisdom, our financial resources, and dare I say, our love and commitment.

Please help strengthen our fundamentals. You will get much more back in return, but you have to take the first step -- get involved.

To learn more email Jane at jane@growthandjustice.org Get started by building your CDS community ties by attending the 2020 Annual International Conference in Fargo, North Dakota, USA.

2020 Conference Keynote Speakers

The 2020 Community Development Society Conference (July 12 – 15, 2020 in Fargo, ND) will feature three amazing keynote speakers. The conference theme is "Global Challenges, Local Resilience." Each keynote speaker will address a particular global challenge. Each keynote will be followed by a panel discussion of local resilience in the face of that particular challenge.

[Receive email updates about the conference](#)



Krish O'Mara Vignarajah will present on immigration, refugees, and community resilience. Krish is the President and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.



Jessica Hellmann will speak about climate change/global warming and local community resilience. Jessica is the Director of the Institute on Environment at the University of Minnesota.



Ron Wirtz will present on economics, the labor force, and local community resilience. Ron is the Regional Outreach Director at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

[Learn More about the Keynote Speakers](#)

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We are currently seeking additional knowledgeable conference proposal reviewers. Reviewers will be asked to assess about five proposals and complete an online review form for each submission by March 1, 2020. As you may have experienced yourself in the past, reviewing for CDS is a great experience but also a demanding undertaking – the success and quality of the conference, to a very large

degree, depends on the quality of the peer reviews.

If you would like to review or have additional questions, please email [KP Williams, Vice Chair of Programs](mailto:kpwilliams@cds.org)

Call for Posters - Conference 2020

We are currently seeking additional proposals for posters from researchers, practitioners, and others involved in community work for the Community Development Society 2020 Annual International Conference, July 12-15, 2020 in Fargo, North Dakota, USA.

The conference will explore how community developers, organizers, and leaders pursue local resilience in light of global challenges, and how local actions contribute to global resilience in the face of climate change, refugee migration, workforce and trade disruption, and other challenges.

Proposals related to the conference theme, “Global Challenges, Local Resilience” are encouraged, but all submissions will be given full consideration. Posters may reflect work in the areas of research, educator/practitioner, or scholarly practice and posters are not limited to traditional academic/scientific poster format.

If you have questions or experience technical difficulties submitting your proposal, please email [KP Williams, CDS Vice Chair of Programs](mailto:kpwilliams@cds.org)

Proposals may be submitted [HERE](#).

Go North of Normal, Join us in Fargo



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Join us in Fargo!
There are lots of fun and exciting things to do. Check out Street Fairs, the Fargo Air Museum, the woodchipper from the movie 'Fargo', and many other attractions.

[Check out Fargo activities here.](#)

RESOURCES

The MEASURE Evaluation project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development, has a mandate to strengthen health information systems (HIS) in low-resource settings. MEASURE Evaluation enables countries to improve lives by strengthening their capacity to generate and use high-quality health information to make evidence-informed, strategic decisions at local, subregional, and national levels.

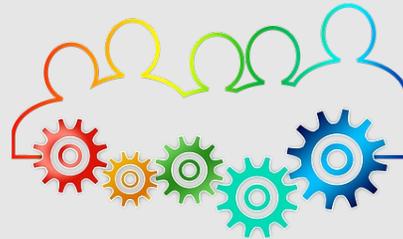
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