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## Got the Call? YES!

On Saturday, November 5th, Bridges trained over 50 leaders from across the country and spanning multiple denominations to take next steps in their callings to love and serve those outside church culture.



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The Presbytery of San Fernando sponsored this training, led by Jim Milley (L), Chief Catalyst of Bridges and Mark Labberton, President of Fuller Seminary. Board Members Karen Berns, Tom King, and Mike Gibney lent support to the effort alongside the Conference Technical Director, Eddie Myers.

"With all the divisiveness in America today, *Bridges* seeks to help people from vastly different perspectives not only get along but also build friendships and collaborative working relationships to provide services that make our communities better," said Jim Milley, Executive Director of *Bridges*.

Dr. Mark Labberton, President of Fuller Seminary, encouraged the group that our primary calling is to be with Jesus and then go into the messy, complex, pain-filled world to embody that love. After the Conference, Mark described Bridge Leaders as "people with invigorated faith, humble spirit and courageous love."



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Several workshops were co-led by people experiencing community challenges like homelessness and food-scarcity. Other workshops, like one led by Walter Contreras (below) helped

leaders explore their own sense of call, gift mix, and inner life for the hard task of leadership.

Beth Teran, a Bridge Leader from Sierra Madre, California, says of her conference experience: "I'm still digesting such meat!! Exactly what I needed. Exactly!!!"



*Bridges* provides support services like coaching and support groups for over 67 leaders across the country who are seeking to improve their communities. These leaders come from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, age groups, cultures and career experiences. This stunning diversity means that Bridge Leaders' personal and contextualized work has high impact on the ground.

To learn more about *Bridges*, visit [www.bridgesus.org](http://www.bridgesus.org) or email Jim Milley: [jim@bridgesus.org](mailto:jim@bridgesus.org).



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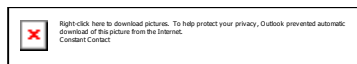


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