

Greg TURK

S P E A K E R

Greg Turk is the President of The Pacific Institute Community, an project initiated by Lou Tice, Chairman of The Pacific Institute. The Pacific Institute Community's mission is **to provide tools and support to individuals and organizations to achieve their potential for success and excellence while increasing their contribution to build community capacity to achieve self-determined dreams.**

For nearly twenty years Greg has worked as a leader to bring about transformation in the lives of individuals and organizations. This has included leading faith-based and social service organizations for seventeen years in highly impoverished areas, inner-cities of the United States. His passion and work led him to enjoy broad experiences in exploring innovative and successful models for effective and efficient transformation to greater individual and collective causality and performance.

To facilitate positive growth to new levels of effectiveness, Greg has worked with the same passion and approach with organizational leaders, gang members, church members, non-profit organizations, students, and players (as a college baseball coach). His broad range of experience includes years of "street level" intervention work, leading a highly successful pilot-research project sponsored by the Department of Labor, participating as a steering committee member of the Association of Gang Intervention Workers, Los Angeles, leading as senior pastor for congregations, leading cross-cultural experiences and trips, serving on a number of organizational boards and as college adjunct faculty.

For over fifteen years, Greg's work has included street level gang intervention and community building, most recently in South Central, Los Angeles. There, Greg came to join forces with USC football coach, Pete Carroll, to found and lead L.A. Partnered with Pete Carroll, head coach of U.S.C. football, four years ago to help found and lead "A Better L.A." A Better L.A. is a project initiated by Coach Carroll and Lou Tice, TPI Chairman, to lessen gang violence and increase peace and prosperity in what is often deemed the "murder capital" of our nation. This effort includes collaborative work with the gang-intervention, L.A. County Sheriff's Department, L.A. County Probation, numerous community and faith based organizations, L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services, and many L.A. Public schools, business leaders, and community residents. Greg's experience and ability to authentically relate and provide transforming leadership in varied circles has made him a driving force in this project.

After years of leadership in the church and social service arena, Greg joined TPI, where he jointly leads an initiative to make constructive change easy and enjoyable. With a global reach, Greg and the TPI Community team serve as "world class" experts in their field, mostly working with social and public service leaders and organizations. Greg successfully provides leadership to organizations seeking constructive cultural shifts and high performance leadership that drive to heightened performance. This and other experiences permit him to be a welcomed addition to organizations desiring to create for themselves a "new normal" that is far beyond where they currently perform.

Greg holds a B.A. from Central Washington University and a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, both with honors. He has earned professional certifications in Gang Intervention, Anger Management, and Alcohol and Drug Counseling. He's received several awards. Greg lives with his family in Seattle.



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