What People Say about Ignatian Business Chapters

“How do I run my business? How do I integrate my faith and work? There is a deep hunger for this, because each human being wants to live an integrated life.”

“I have met some of the most interesting people and created a very powerful network, which continues between the meetings. And the skill set is portable—facilitating deep discussions is practice for many other areas of my life.”

“I wish I had this group while I was struggling with difficult issues. I have hope now that this can be a different kind of thinking, a new way to run a business.”

“As a facilitator, I can see the people growing through the stories they tell. The conversations have real impact on how people live their lives, especially at work.”

ABOUT IGNATIAN BUSINESS CHAPTERS

Since 1991, each local chapter has operated as part of an extended network of chapters across the country linked by the desire to bring to the broader culture the values of Ignatian thought and discernment cultivated in Jesuit academic and pastoral institutions.

Today, the Ignatian Business Chapters organization, formerly known as the Woodstock Business Conference, is based at RENEW International, a ministry organization known for its work with parishes and campuses around the world.

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GET INVOLVED

IBC values the participation of business leaders of all religions and philosophies and invites professionals and business people at all levels, as well as business school students, alumni, and academics, to join or create local chapters.

Join a Chapter

Local IBC groups are organized through colleges, universities, alumni organizations, local business associations, and parishes, with names to reflect their unique character. A chapter coordinator schedules meetings, communicates with members regularly, and facilitates discussion. The group also may select a chaplain who advances theological reflection.

Start a Chapter

An Ignatian Business Chapter often forms as the natural outcome of educational programs, retreats, or days of reflection. Any group of business professionals can start a local affiliate. IBC provides guidance for starting and sustaining a chapter anywhere in the world. Support continues with leader mentoring, monthly emails, a web library of discussion resources, and biennial conferences for chapter leaders.

Recruit Others

The initial team of four to eight members extends personal invitations to another 35-50 professionals. This process normally results in a core group of 25 that yields a consistent 10-15 person meeting attendance.

View a current list of chapters at
www.IgnatianBusinessChapters.org
As a business person, you make tough decisions, manage differing agendas, and juggle multiple demands. As a person of faith, you want to lead with principle and make a positive impact in your work and personal life.

How can you balance these important, yet sometimes conflicting, aspects of your life? You don’t have to go it alone. You are invited to join a trusted circle of “fellow travelers” who explore important themes of work, faith, and life together. This experience can help you chart a course for confident leadership in all realms of professional and personal life.

JOIN OUR NETWORK

Professionals are drawn to Ignatian Business Chapters by a shared desire to align professional success with personal values. They strive to approach business decisions in ways that reflect their faith and values, and positively impact their organizations. What’s more, they want to contribute to a society that serves the human spirit, the local community, and the world at large.

BELONG TO A CHAPTER

Each Ignatian Business Chapter (IBC) is a forum of trust in which professionals can reframe business as a vocation compatible with faithful living. The chapter facilitates the interpersonal connections and meaningful dialog that are at the heart of the Ignatian business experience.

Members are invited to follow a roadmap for conscientious professional and personal growth. Chapter members strengthen their business sense and sense of purpose, encouraging each other along the way.

OUR MISSION

The Ignatian Business Chapters’ mission is to establish and support an international network of business leaders through the exploration of their respective religious traditions in order to
- integrate faith, family and professional life
- foster a corporate culture that reflects their religious values and ethics
- exercise a beneficial influence upon society at large.

EXPERIENCE OUR PROCESS

The IBC process is a deliberate and thoughtful approach based on a proven small-group discussion model. The richness of these meetings flows from each member’s ability to bring his or her own experience to every discussion. Members are supported at every stage with a steady stream of timely and relevant material. This process results in incremental, cumulative personal growth.

LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Local groups meet each month at locations such as corporate conference rooms and cafeterias, college campuses, alumni offices, retreat centers and parish meeting rooms. Effective chapters benefit from consistent member participation, yet attendance is flexible to allow for the complexity of work and family schedules, business travel, and other obligations.

RESOURCES

Chapter members can choose special small-group guides to explore critical topics such as business and personal leadership, ethical decision-making, and corporate social responsibility. Each topic is reinforced with Scripture, focus questions, case studies, and background articles. Our growing selection of guides is accessible from the IBC website.

IBC materials draw on business cases developed through the collective expertise of the worldwide Jesuit university network through a partnership with the Global Jesuit Case Series.

MEETING FORMAT

A typical meeting lasts for 90 minutes and includes the following:
- Introductions
- Reading of the IBC Mission Statement
- Reading of Scripture
- Silent Scripture Reflection
- Discussion of Scripture Reflection
- Presentation of the Discussion Topic
- Topic Discussion
- Reflection and meeting evaluation
- Closing Prayer

Find your balance ... with an Ignatian Business Chapter!