



Amani Development Team

Rev. Lee Walls – Executive Director

Rev. Lee J. Walls is a longtime resident of Pittsburgh's Hill District and is a product of the Pittsburgh Public Schools. His post-secondary education began at Point Park University and eventually led to Hampton University. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Psychology, Reverend Walls returned to Pittsburgh, continuing to pursue educational opportunities, through various graduate courses in science and business at Robert Morris College and the University of Pittsburgh.

Not long after returning to Pittsburgh, he began working at UPMC. While working at UPMC, Reverend Walls responded to God's call to the ministry in late 1986. Reverend Walls' education continued with his studies at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and finally at Virginia Union University of Theology, when he was ordained as a minister.

In 1992, Reverend Walls was selected to attend Harvard University's Community Development Program for pastors – a nationally recognized program that provided an intensive academic learning experience for learning community and economic development from national experts in both areas.

For the next several years, Reverend Walls began working in community service in various capacities and for several Hill District youth serving organizations including: Open Doors, Hill District Ministries, Breachmenders and eventually serving as Operations/Program Director for The Center That C.A.R.E.S. As an active participant in the community and with a focus on his ministerial duties at Macedonia Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Reverend Walls continues to serve his Church and the Greater Hill District. In addition to his faith-based duties, Reverend Walls is a charter member of the Hill District Education Council, Hill District Consensus Group, Clean Green Hill and the Schenley Heights Collaborative.

Reverend Walls is a well-respected community leader with deep ties to the neighborhood. He provides stability for the organization and works with many stakeholders to ensure project success.

Daniel Shaffer – Development Officer

Dan was born and raised in Lancaster, PA and attended Juniata College, earning his bachelor's degree in International Studies. While at Juniata, he served on the Student Government as Policy Chair for two years, studied abroad in Marburg, Germany during his junior year, worked as a Study Abroad Peer Advisor in the International Office, worked as



the Content Coordinator for The New Juniata newspaper and was one of three Senior Residential Assistants during his senior year.

After college, Dan completed a year of service through the Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE), serving at the Hill Community Development Corporation, helping their small business and homeownership programs, as well as working with the local philanthropic community and the state to secure funding for projects in the Hill District.

In December of 2018, he began a grant writing and consulting business that primarily works with non-profits and start-ups in the Pittsburgh region to close the gap between Minority/Women-Based Enterprises (M/WBEs) and the philanthropic world. Through his work, Dan has had the unique opportunity to communicate with foundations directly and contribute towards the success of multiple minority and/or women-led nonprofits and their projects.

Jayesh Khushalani – Intern (CMU)

Jayesh is a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University, pursuing a Master of Science in Architecture-Engineering-Construction Management. He is an experienced architect having completed his Bachelor of Architecture in 2015 and is registered with the Council of Architecture in India. He is also a LEED Accredited Professional with a concentration in Building Design and Construction and is a certified Construction Manager-in-Training.

Along with pursuing his higher education, Jayesh is working as an intern with Amani Christian Community Development Corporation. Prior to joining Carnegie Mellon University as a full-time student, he worked with architectural firms in India and was responsible for the conceptualization and execution of large-scale residential projects, the conservation management plan for the National Archives of India, and other commercial and institutional real estate projects.

Ankur Dobriyal – Volunteer (Module)

Ankur has a master's in Construction Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Through his experience in the construction industry and work with design for manufacturing, Ankur excels at managing multiple teams and projects. In addition to construction, he has great interest in real estate and infrastructure finance.



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As the Director of Construction at Module, he manages the construction and supply chain for all of Module's projects. The last few years with Module have provided Ankur with valuable off-site construction experience with modular and panelized builds. This includes a current single-family modular construction project of over \$4M.