

Ronald Snyder  
Director of Organizing for PICO International

Ron has organized in the PICO Network since 1973. He is the Director of Organizing for PICO International, providing consultation, fundraising and communications support for PICO efforts in Central America, Rwanda and Haiti. Ron has served as the Executive Director of Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) for periods from 1985 through 1991 and 1995 through 2013. In addition, he founded PICO organizations in Kansas City, Missouri and Southern Alameda County, California. He founded the PICO California Project which now links 73 California cities and towns through PICO affiliate organizations. He served as a consulting director for PICO organizations for many years.

PICO International efforts are focused on democracy building, economic development, violence reduction and health care. Ron initiated pioneering efforts in education reform in Oakland, California where OCO led the movement that resulted in formation of more than 40 new schools and dramatically improved student outcomes in this urban district. In addition, under his leadership, OCO established successful voter engagement, violence reduction, housing development, job formation and health care campaigns.

Born in Iowa, Ron entered the Jesuits and holds a BA in Arts and Letters from St. Louis University and has completed masters-level work in Philosophy and Theology. Ron is married, with six children and eight grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, cooking and hanging out with family.