

TRANSFORMING CHURCHES – A JOURNEY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

July 20-24, 2009



Clarifying the Purpose, Objectives, and Content of this Seminar

Purpose

The purpose of this seminar, *Transforming Churches - A Journey of the People of God* is to enable persons who lead in church organizations to become introduced to conceptual models and practical skills for guiding congregations through a planned transformation process toward a missional character and identity.

Objectives

The objectives of this seminar are to:

1. Begin to develop conceptual tools that are foundational for missional church transformation.
2. To clarify theological presuppositions about the nature and purpose of the church.
3. To become familiar with a phased journey of missional renewal and tools specific to processes of coaching for that journey.

4. To use participants' own experience as well as the instructors' as a source for learning and professional development.

Realistic Expectations you can have of this Learning Experience

During the course of this seminar, participants can expect to...

1. Be part of a variety of different groupings.
2. Explore aspects of the church's current context for ministry.
3. Become familiar with recent theory and practice related to the process of planned change in the church toward a missional identity and vocation.
4. Be introduced to some new skills and tools for your ministry back home.
5. Make specific plans to apply your learnings to your ministry situations back home.
6. Identify your theological presuppositions about the church.
7. Try out new ways of thinking, new ways of perceiving, and new ways of behaving in a safe environment.

Norms that help to shape a Learning Community in this seminar

These norms help to create the kind of environment needed to maximize our learnings. Some norms are suggested below. Others will be added as our life together in this seminar commences. It is OK – even helpful to –

1. Get up and move about as needed.
2. Share our experience, explore, and learn from it with the help of the group.
3. Try out some new ways of thinking, new ways of perceiving, and new ways of behaving.
4. Think out loud.
5. Practice your best active listening skills.
6. Disagree, express divergent points of view.
7. Be skeptical about what is being shared here, but be equally skeptical about your own biases and presuppositions.
8. Seek more information.
9. Be informal and playful.
10. Take responsibility for your own learnings.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:00am Breakfast	8:00am Breakfast	8:00am Breakfast	8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Worship Introductions Contracting for our time together Building our learning community. What is the real challenge/opportunity facing us in the church today?	9:00am Worship Introduction to Theological Foundations: “Transformation: Going to the Roots” Practical Implications: “Take Time to be Holy: Cultivating the Missional Church” Bible Study: <i>Behold: There is a New Creation</i>	9:00am Worship Bible study: <i>Behold: There is a New Creation</i> DISCOVERING: Discovering our Missional Context Creating a congregational environment of fruitful conversation Exercise: Engaging leaders and members in discovering their ministry context	9:00am Worship Bible study: <i>Behold: There is a New Creation</i> DISCERNING: Crafting our Missional Strategy Five key decisions to lead a congregation into the future EMBODYING: Shaping Missional Life and Witness Designing the church of the future	9:00am Worship Bible study: <i>Behold: There is a New Creation</i> Focusing on the judicatory: The “why” and “what” of regional strategies supporting congregational transformation Claiming and integrating our learnings Closure 12:00 Noon: Adjourn
12:30pm Lunch	12:30 Lunch	12:30 Lunch	12:30 Lunch	
2:00pm Introduction and Orientation to Missional Transformation Clarifying the “case” for Transformation Classes of Changes The Transformation Zone Goals of a Journey of the People of God Bible study: <i>Behold! There is a New Creation</i>	2:00pm DISCOVERING: Getting Ready for the Journey Designing the Journey roadmap Exercise: Integrating the transformation journey with the flow of congregational life	2:00p.m. DISCERNING: Discerning God’s Call From “vision” to becoming a discerning community Exercise: planning a congregational discernment process	2:00pm Exercise: Designing our “Common Life” EMBODYING: Living into a Faithful Future Differentiating between Change and Transition Exercise: Develop a plan for saying “good bye” and saying “hello.” Embedding ongoing renewal in our congregation	
5:00 p.m. adjourn	5:00 p.m. adjourn	5:00 p. m. adjourn	5:00 p.m. adjourn	
6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	