

# **TRANSFORMING CHURCHES TOWARD A MISSIONAL POSTURE**

**July 21-25, 2008**

## **Clarifying the Purpose, Objectives, and Content of this Seminar**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this seminar, *Transforming Churches toward a Missional Posture* 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 5-Phase Model and tools specific to processes of consulting for missional transformation.
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 <b>Introduction to Theological Foundations:</b> “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> <b>Phase Two: Developing a Common View of Reality</b> 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> <b>Phase Four: Designing Missional Life and Witness</b> Designing the church of the future Practices that form us into the way of Christ Exercise: Designing for Formation	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 <b>Introduction and Orientation to Missional Transformation</b> Clarifying the “case” for Transformation Classes of Changes The Transformation Zone Goals of a Missional Transformation Process Bible study: <i>Behold! There is a New Creation</i>	2:00pm <b>Phase One: Getting Ready for the Journey</b> Designing the Process roadmap Exercise: Integrating the transformation journey with the flow of congregational life	2:00p.m. <b>Phase Three: Discerning God’s Call</b> Becoming a discerning community Exercise: planning a congregational discernment process	2:00pm <b>Phase Five: Embedding a Missional Posture</b> Differentiating between Change and Transition Exercise: Develop a plan for saying “good bye” and saying “hello.” Embedding ongoing renewal in our congregation	
5:00pm adjourn	5:00pm adjourn	5:00pm adjourn	5:00pm adjourn	
6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	6:00pm Dinner	