

**Syllabus for 2010 – 2011 Healthy Growing Congregations Initiative
Presbytery of Eastern Virginia**

After the evaluating last year's course, and considering more than 50 other books, and winnowing that huge list down twice, the 16 pastors who enrolled in the 2009-2010 **Healthy Growing Congregations Initiative** are now presenting this syllabus for the **next course** which will kick off on **Thursday, September 23, from 10 to 2, (lunch is provided) at the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.**

Pastors who are interested in taking this course should print off the Covenant which was e-mailed out on Monday, May 3, and is also on the PEVA website at <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/members/HGCI.htm> Please present it to your session for their concurrence. **Have both you and the Clerk sign it and return to the Presbytery office by Friday, August 13, 2010.** The address of the Presbytery office is 801 Loudoun Ave., Portsmouth, VA.

We are presently set up for three small groups of 8 to 12 people, but if more than 36 sign up, we have additional teachers who are willing to lead a fourth group. Three of the 12 sessions will be together.

I have felt the Lord's leading us consistently in this process, and have been surprised by the exuberance of the both the first set of pastors and many of you who have been asking, "When do we get started for the second round?" I am happy that things are falling into place so well.

All of the 16 pastors who have participated in the first round have indicated their willingness to meet with your session, and with you, if you need additional information.

They are: Gary Bagley, Jeff Bell, Al Butzer, Michael Condrey, Deborah Dail, Ralph Herbert, Cindy Higgins, Bill Lamont, Bob Melone, Doug Nagel, Addie Peterson, Jenny Russell, Frank Webster, Lawrence Willis, Jim Wood, and Jim Young.

Grace and peace, Richard

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Recommended summer reading: (not required)

Diana Butler Bass, Christianity for the Rest of Us

Paul Borden, Assaulting the Gates

Darrel Guder, Missional Church

Glenn McDonald, The Disciple Making Church

Milfred Minatrea, Shaped by God's Own Heart

Stan Ott, Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church

N. Graham Standish, Becoming a Blessed Church

ORIENTATION

Thursday, September 23, 2010, 10 AM to 2 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA, lunch provided

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

October John Maxwell, 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership

November Robert Quinn, Deep Change

December Jim Collins, Good to Great

January Thom Rainer, Breakout Churches

February Ron Heifetz, Leadership Without Easy Answers, or, Heifetz, Leadership on the Line

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH

March Paul Borden, Hit the Bullseye; Paul Borden, Direct Hit
April Sue Mallory, Equipping the Church
May Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson, The Externally Focused Church
June Dan Southerland, Transitioning
July Rick Richardson, Reimaging Evangelism; Nelson Searcy, Fusion
August John Kaiser, Winning on Purpose