



Congregational Transformation Coach Training

April 21-22 and May 19-20, 2008
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Which is More Important New Church Development or Congregational Transformation?

*"I planted the seed,
Apollos watered it;
but God made it
grow."
- 1 Corinthians 3:6, NIV*

Your Next Steps:

1. Circle these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend with a group from your presbytery.
2. Complete the attached registration form and place it, along with your check, in the mail today.



Which is more important **New Church Development** or **Congregational Transformation**?

They're both important, of course. Denominations all across North America are engaged in starting new churches and transforming existing congregations. In fact, these two congregational services probably receive more attention than any other area of congregational service.

Although there are those contending that denominations should focus on new church development and forget about congregational transformation, I strongly disagree. You see, it isn't an either/or situation, but a both/and situation. Denominations, and in our particular case, Presbyteries, have to have a major emphases on both.

Now I'll be the first to say that there are differences between the approaches taken to these two emphases. New church development primarily focuses on developing something new, focusing on strengths, and soaring with great vision and faith. Congregational transformation tends to focus on transforming something old, fixing problems and visions statements that don't represent true visionary movements.

In terms of methodology, new church development focuses on discovery of men and women, clergy and laypersons called of God to start new congregations. This is a highly intentional process. These individuals are trained, equipped, and coached to achieve success in their endeavors. Leadership for congregational transformation is more often than not, something that happens by default and is rarely intentional.

Let me ask you a quick question. Just as we have new church development pastors and core groups, guidance team or steering team members, can we develop a movement of congregational transformation leaders? Can we make responding to God's call to be a congregational transformation leader as attractive as the call to start new congregations?

I happen to think so. A focus on congregational transformation leaders has to include efforts to raise up pastors, staff members, and lay leaders who work as a leadership community to intentionally transform congregations.

To begin this process in Trinity Presbytery, I'm looking for 4 to 5 persons that read this article and sense God's call to become a congregational transformation leader. I've forged partnerships and helped to develop a training process so that we can train, equip and coach you to achieve success in this area of ministry. April 21-22, 2008 and May 19-20, 2008, we will start providing training for persons to serve as Congregational Transformation Coaches to congregations who are ready for transition and change that leads to transformation.

So, if you're a senior pastor, associate pastor, commission lay pastor, staff member, lay leader, or church development committee member and you sense God calling you to come alongside existing congregations to help them discern, discover and develop their full Kingdom potential, so that they can pursue God's high calling for their unique ministry and mission, then complete the registration form below.

Training for Congregational Transformation Coaches

April and May 2008

Purpose: To provide training for persons to serve as Congregational Transformation Coaches to congregations who are ready for transition and change that leads to transformation.

This training is based on the Strategic Leadership Coach training developed by George Bullard and conducted through The Columbia Partnership at www.TheColumbiaPartnership.org and on his book *Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential of Your Congregation*.

Training: The training is conducted in two parts. Each part involves two days of training, for a total of 30 classroom hours.

Part One: Foundations for Christian Leadership Coaching (\$179.00)

Monday-Tuesday, April 21-22, 2008

Led by Bill Howard, a Ministry Associate with **The Columbia Partnership** and Founder of **Be Coached!** at www.becoached.org. Bill Howard has more than 25 years of Christian ministry experience. For 17 years he has been pastor of Willow Ridge Church in Lexington, SC. Now entering the second half of his ministry, Bill's passion is to lead a movement that will call the church outside the walls and into the world. To this effort, he has founded *Be Coached!*, a Christian coaching practice dedicated to teaching, coaching and building disciples who will lead the way in redefining the church for the 21st century.

Part Two: Processes for Congregational Transformation (\$179.00)

Monday-Tuesday, May 19-20, 2008

Led by George Bullard, a Ministry Partner with The Columbia Partnership and President of TCVS, LLC at www.tcv.info. George Bullard has almost 40 years of Christian ministry experience. For more than 30 years he has been consulting, coaching, and engaging in training with more than 500 congregations in need of redevelopment and transformation. He has worked with congregational and denominational leaders in more than 40 denominations in North America and Europe. His vision is to empower congregations and congregational champions to reach their full kingdom potential. He is the author of two books, and the editor of a leadership series with more than a dozen books. Contact George Bullard at GBullard@TheColumbiaPartnership.org

Schedule: Day One 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. [lunch and supper provided on-site]
[Each Part] Day Two 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [lunch provided on-site]

Cost: This is a two part training series. The total cost is \$358.00. Cost includes the training leadership and materials, refreshments, and meals for the two days in April and May.

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1715 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC, 29210.

Register: Complete registration form below and mail it by **April 7, 2008**, to: Dr. Danny Murphy, Associate Presbyterian for Mission, Congregational Development and Evangelism, Trinity Presbytery, 554 DaVega Drive, Lexington, SC 29073-9405. Email: dmurphy@trinity-presbytery.org
Phone: 803-794-1225.

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Registration Training for Congregational Transformation Coaches <i>Registration deadline is April 7, 2008</i>	
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Address: _____	
Email: _____	Amount Enclosed: _____