

In This
Edition

Behold I Do A
New Thing -
Congregational
Leadership for
New Life

A three-day
course over
three months
for
congregational
leadership
teams:

Saturdays in
2009
9.30 to 4pm

January 24th
February 28th
April 25th

Early Bird
Registration
by December
19th 2008

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January-April 2009

A unique, three day learning and planning opportunity for congregational leadership teams seeking renewed pathways to faithful ministry in today's cultural setting.

Under the leadership of Anthony B. Robinson, Visiting Professor in Congregational Leadership at Emmanuel College and the CCDL planning team, congregational leadership teams are invited to engage in study, coaching and practical planning for adaptive change in their congregations. The three days, beginning late January through to April 2009, will provide a sustained, participatory, action-orientated, and locally focused approach to the task of freeing our congregations for mission.

Some of the topics we expect to cover during the three days and in group study include: (please note participants will add others!)

- ✚ *The essential roles and tasks of congregational leaders today*
- ✚ *Identifying and articulating a congregation's purpose in a 21st century cultural setting*
- ✚ *Managing the anxiety and emotions released when the congregation focuses on renewed purpose and direction*
- ✚ *Learning from our past experiences of change*
- ✚ *Reframing current congregational engagement and activity in line with renewed purpose and mission*
- ✚ *Keeping focused*
- ✚ *Identifying actions and implementation paths for your congregation in the coming year*
- ✚ *Building leadership capacity within the congregation*

Space is limited so contact us right away to reserve your place!

Who are we looking for?

- Teams of four from the leadership of congregations, preferably including the paid accountable staff. Extra members are welcome but an extra charge is payable for those additional team members.
- A willingness to enter into a learning covenant as teams. This includes time together in your team throughout January to April and a commitment to follow up on action plans developed during our three days together
- A commitment to keep in touch with the planning team to monitor progress for a year after April 2009 to monitor progress and report back on developments

What do we offer?

- Three full days at an affordable price, with one of North America's leading mainline writers and speakers on congregational leadership and redevelopment issues
- Good process which will help teams root learning in their local experience, needs, and possibilities
- The opportunity to deepen the skills and capacities of your congregation's core leadership team

Cost: \$760 per team of four (i.e. \$190 per participant for the full three days including lunch & snacks) by December 20th 2008. \$820 after this date. *Additional team members can join the teams, depending on available space, at a cost of \$90 per additional team member.*

Dates: Saturday January 24th
Saturday February 28th 9.30 to 4.00pm each day
Saturday April 25th

Location: the location for each of the three meetings will be either New Hope United Church, Vaughan or Holly United Church Centre, Barrie, Ontario. Final locations will be chosen to minimise travel for participants.

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Registration Deadlines:
Early Bird – December 19th 2008
Final Deadline - January 9th 2009