

Missional Church Faculty For Your Training Event

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National Ministries Program Personnel bring expertise and experience to many facets of missional church transformation and church planting. NM practices the missional church principle, "Never do anything alone!" MCLE training is a team production from conception to application.

An increasing network of personnel and resources partner with NM's Missional Church Institute. Included in the growing number of partners are teaching churches, regional personnel, professors, pastors and ecumenical resources all of whom have a heart for outreach and inclusion of unchurched people into missional participation. Your engagement in the process increases exponentially the leadership capabilities and resource tools of National Ministries' MCLE

INTRODUCTION TO THE MISSIONAL CHURCH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The introductory workshop addresses such topics as:

- **"The Changing Context"** an overview of changes in Christendom, North America and our communities
- **"The Changing Church"** an overview of church types in response to the changing North American context
- **"Surfing Change"** as a missional response
- **"God's Intention for the Church"** a call to a new radical approach for churches.
- **"Missional Church DNA"** defining the term as applied to churches in North American contexts. and describing core missional characteristics
- **"First-steps 'Look, Pray, Go'"** focuses on practical measures in mission accomplished through forming mission teams"
- **"How to Get There From Here"** first steps in moving from maintenance to missional including a briefing on how your church can benefit from intentional partnerships in the MCLE process

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Missional Church Learning Experience

Purpose

Assist the formation of missional churches through equipping congregational leaders who in turn equip others for mission-oriented work and witness in the diverse context in which we find ourselves.

History

The Missional Church Learning Experience began as a dream in 2001 to address growing concerns that the North American church was in serious decline, out of touch with its changing contexts, and nothing seemed capable of turning the tide.

After considerable analysis and interviews, efforts were made by a team of pastors, professors, and National Ministries to identify basic competencies essential for effective missionally-oriented church leadership. These findings became the basis for new resources designed to produce a new generation of congregational leaders.

The basic thrust of the series is to discover, equip, and mobilize a new kind of church leader for a new, challenging, and constantly changing world.

Resources and Format

In addition to the **MCLE Orientation Workshop**, MCLE training is available to groups of churches intent on entering a journey toward missional transformation or missional church planting.

This **Missional Church Learning Experience** is an experiential learning process consisting of four intensive training modules, combined with practical assignments, debriefing sessions, coaching, and peer-group support by a learning community.

A team of National Ministries personnel and others on the field will work with your group in order to design a training process tailored to your context.

Taking Part in the Missional Church Learning Experience

Churches participating in the regional Learning Community will –

Display the following qualities:

- Not engaged in high levels of conflict
- Not satisfied with their church's current effectiveness
- Willing to try new ideas; including involvement with their communities

Engage in the following activities:

- Establish a Mission Team of at least 5 members who will give oversight to their church's involvement during the up to 18 month *Missional Church Learning Experience*. The team is to be composed of:
 - the pastor (or appointed staff)
 - 4 lay members (one who is age 15-25)
- Mission Team will attend the 4 regional *Missional Church Learning Experience* sessions scheduled for—
 - April 24, 2010
 - July 24, 2010
 - October 23, 2010
 - January 22, 2011
- Complete 3 assignments that will help the Mission Team design a (small) Community Project.
- Implement their Community Project, involving appropriate church resources of time, money, energy and community partnerships.
- Share learning experience with others in the Learning Community, the region, and the American Baptist family.

THE FIRST STEP

ATTEND A MISSIONAL CHURCH LEARNING EXPERIENCE INTRODUCTION WORKSHOP

When:

Saturday, March 20, 2010
9:00am to noon

Where:

First Baptist Church
8600 N. College
Indianapolis

If interested, please contact Joan Friesen, Executive Minister,
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You don't need your entire team in place to explore MCLE, but please let the ABCGI office know how many will attend by Monday, March 15th, office@abcgi.org

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