

THE CHURCH RENEWAL PROGRAM

TO HELP YOUR CHURCH RENEW AND GROW



Kick-off Event

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Trost Center, Wisconsin Conference UCC

Six Back-Home Sessions

November 2011–April, 2012

Round Up Event

May 12, 2012

The **Church Renewal Program** offers a practical process to strengthen the quality of your church's essential ministries and reconnect with God's purpose for your congregation.

Vital, growing congregations know how their purpose is connected to God's purpose for the church. They believe that what they do brings hope and help to people's lives in the name of Christ.

How does this work? Each church recruits a leadership team made up of the pastor and at least three lay members. Everyone attends the Kick-Off Event on Saturday, October 15, 2011 for orientation to the basic concepts of church renewal.

Our text is *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, which focuses on the five essential activities of church life. Your team will assess your church in these areas and create an action plan for strengthening your ministries:

- Radical hospitality
- Passionate worship
- Intentional faith development
- Risk-taking mission and service
- Extravagant generosity

Each leadership team will meet back home once a month for five months. The group works on one of the *Five Practices* themes each month guided by a trained leader.

At the Round up session on May 12, teams will get help creating their follow-up action plan.



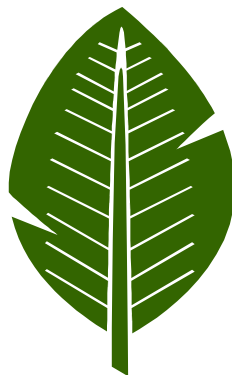
Your church will benefit from the church renewal program if it:

- Has plateaued or declining worship attendance for at least the past three years;
- Has resources of faith, leadership, and finances that make it possible to devote time to a new project;
- Is not experiencing serious conflict and has a pattern of healthy communication among members and leaders;
- Can put together a team of lay leaders who can envision a different future;
- Can commit to full participation in all seven sessions.

Cost: \$85.00 per person. This includes the book series, kick off event and a back home trainer. The trainer travel costs to your church are extra. Overnight lodging costs for the October and May gatherings are not included. Please contact Liisa Analore for information on nearby, reasonably priced motels at (608) 846-7880 or lanalore@wcucc.org.

To apply for the Church Renewal Program:

- Download the registration form and return to the Conference office.
- You will recruit a team and work on preparation assignments before the October Kick-Off Event.





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Five Practices

Registration Form

Registration Details

The cost is \$85 per person.

This includes the book series, kick off event and a back home trainer.

Additional meals and lodging (if necessary) are not included. For lodging, call Comfort Inn and Suites located at 5025 County Hwy V, De Forest. 608-846-7880 Our rate is \$64.00 per room.

Tell the reservation clerk you are attending this UCC event.

Register each team member.

For information contact Joanne Thomson, Phone: 608-846-7880

E-mail: jthomson@wcucc.org

Registration Deadline: October 3, 2011

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