

SESSION 7 – REAL LIFE EVANGELISM

Purpose: Understand how we can practice real life evangelism in our churches.

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify our current approach to evangelism
- understand the motivation for evangelism
- determine the keys to healthy evangelism

SESSION 8 – THE HEALTHY SMALL CHURCH

Purpose: Apply the key concepts of the book **The Healthy Small Church** to the churches from which participants come when appropriate

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify areas of strength within the small church to which participants belong
- determine the areas of concern in those churches
- build action plans with steps to build greater health within each congregation

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Equipping God's People (EGP)

"... to equip God's people for the work of sharing and building up the body of Christ..." Ephesians 4:12 CEB

Local Church Lay Servant

The local church lay servant with appropriate training shall serve the local church through which membership is held through ministries of leading, caring, and communicating (Book of Discipline, ¶267.2)

NOTE: In the Susquehanna Conference, completion of Module 1: Sessions 1-4 is the training required for recognition as a Local Church Lay Servant.

MODULE 1: SESSIONS 1-4

SESSION 1 – ORIENTATION

Purpose: Create a strong partnership between the leaders, mentors, and the facilitator while establishing expectations and responsibilities

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify the steps in the Equipping God's People (EGP) process
- understand the importance of continuing to develop leadership skills
- build relationships with other participants and the facilitators
- prepare for EGP's process by understanding expectations and responsibilities
- distribute Spiritual Gifts survey (new-fall 2014)

SESSION 2 – OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED

Purpose: See how the world around us has changed and what we can do to catch up

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify changes that have occurred in the world over the past few decades
- understand the best area to focus on as we work on restarting an established church
- know our target audience through an improved understanding of our community
- interpret Spiritual Gifts survey (new-fall 2014)

SESSION 3 – AIMING REAL LEADERS AT THE MISSION FIELD

Purpose: Understand how we can use the concepts in the book **Direct Hit** in order to move our churches from being inward focused to becoming outwardly focused

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- determine the costs to us personally and our churches
- identify the barriers to congregational transformation
- prepare for the Healthy Church Initiative – team development

SESSION 4 – STREAMLINING YOUR CHURCH

Purpose: Understanding how we can use the concepts in the book **Simple Church** in order to focus our churches more on transformation and less on programs

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify the simple approaches used in our world
- determine where our churches fall on the scale of simple to complex
- understand how to apply the four basic concepts to our situation

Certified Lay Servant

The certified lay servant with appropriate training shall continue to serve the local church through ministries of leading, caring, and communicating, and may serve in the role of class leader. In addition, the certified lay servant may serve in the district and conference and in local churches (Book of Discipline, ¶268.2)

NOTE: In the Susquehanna Conference, completion of Modules 1 & 2: Sessions 1-8 is the required training for recognition as Certified Lay Servant.

MODULE 2: SESSIONS 5-8

SESSION 5 – PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

Purpose: Understand the need to adjust our leadership style to the requirements of the church

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify the lifecycle of a church
- determine the leadership styles needed for each phase of church growth
- choose a leadership style that will work best for your church for today and the future

SESSION 6 – FOCUSING OUTWARD

Purpose: Understand how we can use the concepts of the book **The Externally Focused Church** to move our church from being inward focused to being outward focused by reaching out to our community.

To achieve this purpose, you will learn to

- identify where our church currently stands on being outward focused
- discover ways to reach out to the community
- determine the best steps on the path to being an outward focused church