

WHAT CURRENT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING...

- "I think the group was most surprised that this is not a canned program and that we really do have to come up with our own focus."
- "The study and understanding of the Spirit has been wonderful."
- "I was surprised that other churches have issues similar to ours."
- "Discernment works—and energizes!"
- "A surprise was that a group taking a scripture lesson slowly can make a big difference in a Consistory meeting."
- "The hope is in the 'dying and rising' process. Permission to face the darkness, befriend it, and use it to move on."
- "This program has expanded my thinking and altered my attitude about how to go about trying to revitalize."
- "The organization and materials are most helpful because it is so rejuvenating. After all these years of believing and having faith, it only goes to show that we just can't get too much!"

CHURCHES IN THE CURRENT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Revitalization began in 2007

- Reformed Church of the Ascension,
Jeffersonville
Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier, Pastor
- Ch of the Good Shepherd,
Boyertown
*Rev. Dennis Christie and
Rev. Dr. Gary Halstead, Pastors*
- Gulph UCC, Gulph Mills
Rev. Mary Lake Dillensnyder, Pastor
- St. John's UCC, Phoenixville
Rev. Linda Gruber, Pastor
- St. Luke's UCC, Trappe
Rev. Ann T. Few, Pastor
- St. Peter's of Wilshire, West Lawn
Rev. Dr. Kris Hayden, Pastor
- Zion's UCC, Pottstown
Rev. Peter C. Nichols, Pastor

Revitalization began in 2008

- Allegheny UCC, Allegheny
Rev. Ruthann Seibert
- Bethany UCC, Philadelphia
Rev. Maryann Unger
- Boehm's UCC, Blue Bell
Rev. James "Bud" Zehmer
- St. John's UCC, Orwigsburg
Rev. Barbara Kershner
- St. Paul's, Sellersville
Rev. Patti Thomas, Pastor
- Trinity Reformed UCC, Pottstown
Rev. Lisa Martin
- Zion UCC, Womelsdorf
Rev. William Pifer-Foote, Pastor

Revitalization began in 2009

- First UCC, Spring City
Rev. Erick J. Kern, Jr.
- Pennsburg UCC, Pennsburg
Rev. Rebecca Y. Stephens
- St. John's (Gernant's) UCC, Leesport
Rev. Patricia A. Schang
- St. Peter's Tohickon, Perkasio
Rev. Steven Hamilton
- Trinity UCC, Leesport
Rev. Deborah P. Schwartz
- Zion Blue Mountain, Strausstown
Rev. Sharon S. Morris

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CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION!



- ◆ **Spiritual vitality**
- ◆ **Outreach to the unchurched**
- ◆ **Institutional viability**

THE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM WILL HELP YOUR CHURCH:

- renew its vision and mission
- become passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in your community through word of mouth, good advertising, and marketing
- get ready to receive newcomers with an extravagant welcome
- inspire believers through engaging worship
- become equipped to pass on the faith through a discipleship process
- engage your community through actions which promote the justice of God
- create a safe place for diverse people and points of view
- transform church organization and governance



THREE YEAR PROCESS

This program is designed to increase the leadership capacities of the individual participants and of the participating congregations. These competencies will be presented,



experimented with, revisited and developed throughout a three year process. Each year has its own specific emphasis.

Year 1 –Spiritual Growth

Focus will be on spiritual renewal for individual leaders, congregational decision-makers, and the congregation as a whole.

Year 2—Reaching the Unchurched

Includes faith sharing, demographic study, marketing tools and a complete evangelism plan.

Year 3—Institutional Viability

Includes stewardship, faith formation, discipling, mission and governance.

A church of any size may participate in this program. The only requirement is a willingness on the part of lay and clergy leadership to do the hard work required to bring your church to greater vibrancy.

REGISTER NOW!

Are your church, pastor and lay leaders willing to participate in a program of intensive training for revitalization over the next three years?

To find out more about this program, plan to attend an informational meeting at the Church House:

- ___ Tuesday, Sept. 8 (7-8:30 pm)
- ___ Saturday, Sept. 12 (9-10:30 am)
- ___ Please send application for 2010

Church: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____

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