

ACTS 16:5 INITIATIVE LUNCHEON

SEPT 15th 2009

ACTS 16:5 Overview

- a deliberate process of transformation
- biblically-grounded approach
- Rather than offering a set "program," this initiative supports the design of ministry appropriate to a given situation.
- Involves direct coaching, leadership development and resourcing of pastors and congregational leaders
- Opportunity to apply the principles of transformation and missional engagement to the life of the congregations and the Presbytery itself.

Practical Points

- *Focus is on Transformation and mission w/in congregation and Presbytery
- *3 Year Commitment from congregations & from Presbytery
- * Financial assistance will be provided to all congregations who participate
- *15 congregations required to participate in the program
- *Hundreds of congregations have or are currently participating
- *Any and all congregation sizes encouraged to participate
- *Elders, Pastors, Presbytery Staff are all involved in the process
- *Projected start date: Late Spring/Early Summer 2010.

Current Cost (approximate) \$1800yr per congregation OR \$150month per congregation

Current financial assistance structure is as follows:

- A) 1st 6 months—completely covered by the Congregational Transformation Team restricted fund.
- B) Next 24 months—1/2 of cost covered by the Congregational Transformation Team restricted fund.
- C) Final 6 months—1/4 of cost covered by the Congregational Transformation Team restricted fund.

Conversation w/ Paige McRight of Central Florida Presbytery July 2009

- About ½ way through the program
- 20 of the original 24 participating churches have shown numerical growth
- Both a high level of involvement and positive feedback from participants is the norm

NEXT STEP

- 1) Register for the program (on site)
- 2) Review info with session/leadership of the congregation and reply to Congregational Transformation Team before November 1st 2009.
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Acts 16:5 Schedule

Acts 16:5 Initiative Introductory Seminar 1 (The Launch Event): Develop a Defining Vision (two days - 9 am to 4 pm – start and end times are flexible)

- Module 1: Awaken a New Expectation
- Module 2: Develop a Defining Vision
- Module 3: Identify Defining Practices
- Module 4: Practice Ministry Design
- Module 5: Ministry Design Using Action Learning
- Module 6: Design Transformational Missional Endeavor

Congregations commit at this point to the three-year Acts 16:5 Initiative process.

Acts 16:5 Six-Month Gathering I (one day – 9am to 4 pm)

- Review of Seminar 1
- Module 7: Design a Transformational Ministry of Fellowship

Acts 16:5 Seminar 2: Design a Transformational Ministry (two days – 9am to 4 pm)

- Module 1: Move to Ministry Design
- Module 2: Design a Transformational Ministry of Worship
- Module 3: Design a Transformational Ministry of Discipleship
- Module 4: Design a Transformational Ministry of Leadership

Acts 16:5 Six-Month Gathering II (one day – 9 am to 4 pm)

- Module 5: Design Transformational Ministry Team Leadership
- Module 6: Design a Transformational Session

Acts 16:5 Six-Month Gatherings III, IV and V (one day – 9 am to 4 pm)

- One-day events spaced approximately six months apart address issues such as stewardship, mobilizing members for ministry and discipleship systems.

To support the Acts 16:5 Initiative the Vital Churches Institute offers:

1. Delivery of the one and two-day seminars/gatherings every six months.
2. Materials for the pastor/point person and team of two to six from every congregation to include the Acts 16:5 Initiative manuals and a variety of handouts. Books and PowerPoint slides will also be provided to every pastor/point person.
3. The monthly email letter "Initiative" that reinforces various concepts of the Acts 16:5 Initiative.
4. One set of Seminar/Gathering DVD's for every 5 congregations participating to be made available for loan through the presbytery Resource Center.
5. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations for all of the modules.
6. Unlimited email interaction between the pastors and congregational leadership teams and presbytery leadership with Vital Churches Institute coaches.
7. Access to a new Acts 16:5 Initiative website that is to come online in the winter/spring of 2009 with a variety of downloads and resources for those engaged in the Acts 16:5 Initiative.
8. Counsel and encouragement from a Vital Churches Institute coach to the coaches of the pastor clusters.
9. Counsel and encouragement from a Vital Churches Institute coach to the presbytery staff and leadership in developing the Acts 16:5 Initiative in their presbytery and in ways to apply the Acts 16:5 Initiative concepts to the presbytery itself as well as within its congregations.