

What does CLD Cover?

The book for each session provides relevant and challenging insights from authors who have led churches in fruitful renewal. Every effort has been made by your conference leaders to select reading that is relevant in our context. We may not agree with everything we read, but we will be struggling with the right questions!

The sessions include additional material around related issues in a peer-learning environment. We strive to make the sessions participatory, engaging and practical. The goal is to have teams go home from each session with something to do immediately to help their congregations become more vital and fruitful.

Every group session includes:

- Group spiritual development,
 - input in *addition* to that in the book for the session,
 - group discussion of the input and book for the session,
 - team creation of an action plan for their congregation related to the issue, and
 - peer mentoring regarding the outcomes of the last session's action plans.
- Oh – and lunch.

The Details

Cost: \$100 per participant plus books (about \$75 per participant)

Where: By arrangement with VCP Coordinator (Steve Ross). Churches will be grouped geographically.

When: Generally one Saturday per month (September – May). Sunday afternoons may also be considered.

Who: Pastors, or Pastor and at least 5 lay leaders from a congregation.

Questions?

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Vital Church Project

Healthy Vital Church Initiative

2011-2012
Congregational
Leadership
Development
(CLD)

The Oregon-Idaho
Annual Conference

Coming This Fall!

an
Adventure
in
Health
Vitality and
Fruitfulness

Taking the Initiative!

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. The local church is the most significant arena in which disciple-making occurs. Local churches that make disciples who transform the world are Healthy, Vital Congregations. The role of the annual conference is to develop leaders who can lead healthy vital congregations. Our strategy for developing such leaders is

The Vital Church Project.

The Vital Church Project is comprised of three initiatives, each providing a necessary and valuable contribution towards the goal of developing healthy, vital congregations.

- ***The New Church Initiative*** : developing new faith communities for new disciples.
- ***The Healthy Vital Church Initiative***: Helping existing congregations revitalize.
- ***Vitality U***: offering relevant and appropriate occasional continuing education for local church leaders .



Oregon Idaho Conference Leaders attended a training in the Missouri Conference for their church leadership development process. We have tried out their curriculum here and will offer our own version of this powerful process for congregational renewal.

*In late 2011 and early 2012 congregations will have an opportunity to participate in a **6 Session** course called **Congregational Leadership Development.***

CLD is meant for teams of 5 or more congregational leaders and their pastor.

(Pastoral leaders may participate without lay leadership only if they covenant to participate again if their lay leadership later decides to register in a CLD.)

2011-2012
Leadership Development

Congregational Leadership Development (CLD)

Each CLD course includes:

- 6 Books read by all participants
- 6 five-hour group sessions

Each CLD participant covenants to:

- Pay the \$100 registration fee
- Obtain the books on the required reading list (6 in all)
- Full participation (only 1 miss allowed)
- Work with their congregational team in creating and carrying out an action plan based on the course content
- Regular personal spiritual disciplines (prayer, worship, scripture study) throughout the course

The Conference covenants to:

- Provide a leader for the 5-hour training session for every CLD.
- Provide meeting location, lunches and participant workbooks.
- Provide coaching for the congregational teams.
- Provide support for participants as they engage in risk-taking leadership in their congregational setting