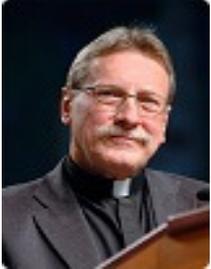


Revitalizing Your Congregation

Four Approaches in one Conference

- Engaging the Uninvolved • Energizing the Unclaimed
- Empowering the Unknown • Enlisting the Unafraid

Keynote Presenters



Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director, Congregational and Synodical Mission, ELCA, explores how the Holy Spirit turns evangelism upside down and turns our attitudes right side up in ways that people who claim no church affiliation are inspired.

Dr. Ed Kruse, Author of *Unwrap Your Gifts and Use Them*, says "Most members don't know what their gifts are; we need to move from filling slots toward motivating others by helping them unwrap their gifts."



Dr. Kruse, President, HealthierChurch.org, reports, "Recent research indicates that every congregation has 50%-80% of its members who are Uninvolved and Under-involved;" our approach shows promise when we begin with a passion to "embrace the Uns."



The Rev. Dr. William Steadman, Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care at First United Church, Waterloo, Ontario, a widely known leader in Canada and the United States, leads us boldly into transformational administration that moves congregations from surviving to thriving.

All presentations will be interactive on site and via webcast

April 11, 12 and 13, 2013 Edison Park Lutheran Church,

6626 N Oliphant Ave, Chicago, IL 60631

Sponsored by HealthierChurch.org.

Plan to join this pace-setting Conference.

Schedule – Revitalizing Your Congregation Conference

Thursday, April 11

- 1:00 – Welcome
- 1:30 – Energizing the Unclaimed - “Who Is Really Welcome?” – Stephen Bouman
Evangelizing, Witnessing – Keynote Presentation
- 2:30 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “A Transformational Bulletin Insert” -dialogue
- 3:15 – Break
- 3:45 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “Nick Vujicic – Inspiratie nodig” -dialogue
- 4:45– Q &A –Panel, Revitalizing Congregations in Evangelizing
- 6:00 – Prayer/Dismissal, Dinner, Openings for Common Interest Groups, Free time

Friday, April 12

- 8:30 – Prayer/Light Breakfast
- 9:00 – Empowering the Unknown - "When It's Time for Change" – Ed Kruse Spiritual Gifts, Permission Giving – Keynote Presentation
- 10:00 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “Case History, St. John, Cedar Falls, IA” -dialogue
- 10:30 – Break
- 10:45– Q& A –Panel, Revitalizing Congregations in Spiritual Gifts
- 11:45 – Prayer/Lunch
- 1:00 – Enlisting the Unafraid - “Making Things Happen for a Change” – Bill Steadman
Administration, Leadership – Keynote Presentation
- 2:00 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “The Ethiopian exchange student” -dialogue
- 3:00 – Break
- 3:15 – Transformational Leadership – Ed Kruse – “21 Principles”
- 4:00 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “Your Favorite Transformational Principle” -dialogue
- 4:30– Q &A – “Why are Congregations Abolishing Committees and Boards?”
- 5:30 – Prayer/Dismissal, Dinner on your own, Openings for Common Interest Groups, Free time

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 Prayer/Light Breakfast
- 9:00 – Engaging the Uninvolved - “This May Be the Biggest Mission Field” – Ed Kruse
Ministry to the Under-utilized – Keynote Presentation
- 10:00 – Break
- 10:15 – Micro Presentation (7-minute), “The Church and Gen F (Facebook)” -dialogue
- 11:15 – The Congregation Health Survey
- 11:30 – Integrating It with Your Infrastructure
- 11:45 – De-briefing the event, planning for 2014 conference
- 12:00 – Prayer/Dismissal/Lunch to go

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this conference for?

- Pastors – especially those interested in a healthier congregation
- Lay leaders – especially those interested in a revitalized congregation
- Anyone who has one or two intents that you would like to work on

Why will I want to attend?

- The interactive aspect will be a unique congregation-growing experience
- The connection with other leaders in similar contexts will support you
- The invitation to follow up after the experience will offer you partnerships
- The demonstration of ways to do more in less time will give you skills that you can take away
- The space created by the Spirit will be available to revitalize your congregation and energize members

What will I experience?

- Participation in micro-presentations on important and timely topics filled with interaction
- A conference that has practical ideas and opportunities
- Congregations that are revitalizing
- A snapshot what your healthier congregation might look like

What will I learn?

- How to involve the uninvolved and underutilized and motivate members by identifying their gifts
- How to reduce burnout in clergy and members
- Why to celebrate the abundance of the willing
- How passion answers "what" God wants you to do; and spiritual gifts answer, "how"

What will I get?

- An offer for a free snapshot of your congregation
- A glimpse of how to shift congregation-vision planning open to all members from 2 years to 10 days
- A gift of free consulting for those who are in attendance in Chicago

What will I take home?

- Ideas of how others are revitalizing their congregation
- Hope in helping design God's future for your congregation



Welcome to Chicago! Cloud Gate (The Bean)

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Paid Registration for the [Revitalizing Your Congregation](#) Conference includes:

All materials and supplies

Dinner on April 11

Light breakfast on April 12

Lunch on April 12

Light breakfast on April 13

Lunch to go on April 13

Maximum dialogue during the conference

Additional consultation with a HealthierChurch.org coach after the event

For information on attending this conference via webcast from your home congregation call Toll Free – 866-610-4496 or e-mail us at info@HealthierChurch.org

Registration for the Conference

Register at <http://www.healthierchurch.org/registration/> and pay through PayPal or print this form and mail it.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Congregation _____ City _____ State _____

Options: Please check those that apply:

____ I would like transportation between my nearby hotel and Edison Park Lutheran Church

____ I have Spiritual Gifts experience and would like to participate in a panel

____ I would like to have information for a no-charge Congregation Health Survey (Deadline March 20)

____ I will complete an online Spiritual Gifts Inventory at: <http://www.healthierchurch.org/spiritual-gifts/>

____ I would like information on attending this conference via webinar from my home congregation

a) One person per congregation - \$225 \$ _____

b) Two or more people per congregation - \$200 each X _____ = \$ _____

(Names : _____)

c) Early registrations (received by March 31, 2013) – **reduced price** \$112 \$ _____

d. Under age 40, if registered by March 31, 2013 - \$99 \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

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