

# COMMENTS FROM OTHERS:

*"HealthierChurch.org draws people into the process. They discover God's mission with a fresh perspective." ~ Rev. Dr. Michael Sparby, Chicago, Illinois*

*"They answered our questions and were just a phone call away. Our members rallied around the idea." ~ Pastor Mike Frie  
([www.HealthierChurch.org](http://www.HealthierChurch.org) video "Vision2Serve")*

*"Spiritual Gifts broadened my horizons so I can use the gifts I never thought about. I look forward to exploring ways to using them." ~ Phyllis Doyle, Chicago, Illinois*

*"They helped us develop better goals, train numerous new leaders and involved dozens of inactive members." ~ Mark Gunger  
([www.HealthierChurch.org](http://www.HealthierChurch.org) video "Vision2Serve")*

*"HealthierChurch.org has a proven track record of congregation growth." ~ Jeff Bork, LinkedIn.com*

*"We were struggling. Pledging was new to us. The evangelical spirit was refreshing. We're in our fourth year and it gets better as we go."  
~ Pastors Scott and Paula Geister-Jones,  
Stoughton, Wisconsin*

*"They unified the congregation and got the job done as part of the mission of the congregation. It was a positive experience." ~ Pastor Allen Stoll  
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## Mission Statement: What We Do

In HealthierChurch.org we elevate the health of congregations through intentional prayer, engaging the uninvolved, and transforming lives through the Holy Spirit.

## Core Values: Why We Do It

**C**reating a culture of generosity  
**H**onoring the past  
**R**enewing congregations  
**I**nspiring leaders  
**S**hattering barriers  
**T**urning problems into opportunities



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## Winds of Change are Blowing Church Doors Shut

Declining trends are common in many congregations. Young adults are leaving. Leaders are weary. Suspicion and mistrust of organized religion are widespread. It's time to act. Turn the problem into an opportunity.

## Renewing Congregations Reverses the Winds of Change

HealthierChurch.org is a group of associates in the United States and Canada that coaches congregations to grow in God's mission in the following ways:

Engaging the Uninvolved, Under-involved, Uninvited, and Uncomfortable  
Developing Youth and Young Adult Leaders  
Doing Vision Planning in 30 Days  
Fund-raising for Capital Improvement  
Managing Conflict in the Early Stage  
Making Stewardship a Joy  
Eliminating Burnout With Spiritual Gifts  
Evangelizing That Appeals to Millennials  
Providing Planned Giving for Staffing  
Governing for Improved Decision-making  
Transforming Leadership

## The HealthierChurch.org process

(Starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of any month)

January

### **First Month ~ Plan**

- Review Congregation Trends
- Study Census Data by Zip
- Prepare Congregation for Year of Renewal
- Do Vision Planning in 30 days
- Identify Future Leaders Up Front
- Finalize Theme and Timetable
- Begin to Engage the Uninvolved, Under-involved, Uninvited and Uncomfortable
- Launch Eight Consecutive Event weeks

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April

### **Fourth Month ~ Publicize**

- Announce Congregation Goals
- Build Healthy Attitudes
- Make Listening Visits
- Plan a Prayer Vigil
- Host Gala Dessert Feast
- Conduct Commitment Sunday
- Integrate Community Events
- Update Website, Media and Promotion

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June

### **Sixth-Twelfth Month ~ Make Mid-course Adjustments**

- Measure Participation
- Provide Inspiring Worship
- Celebrate Areas of Improvement
- Evaluate, Make Mid-course Adjustments
- Integrate Learnings into Local Practices
- Begin "Mission Matters" Presentations
- Develop Second Year Priorities

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## Congregation Health Survey

### **The Place to Begin**

A Congregation Health Survey provides a current snapshot of what is going well and reveals areas with the best potential for these God-pleasing outcomes:

- 1) People participate more fully
- 2) Leaders are motivated to serve
- 3) Transformation leads to renewal
- 4) Conflicts are more manageable
- 5) Everyone is respected, invited and welcomed
- 6) Practical ideas emerge abundantly
- 7) Participants are excited to serve
- 8) People become God's ambassadors to inspire others
- 9) A culture of generosity develops
- 10) Faith becomes more important



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*"Be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Romans 12:2 NIV

**Two major entry points for growth:**

### **Multiple Areas Grow in One Year**

Congregations want to create a culture of generosity. In order to do so, they learn to engage the Uninvolved, Under-involved, Uninvited, and Uncomfortable. Most congregations want to improve decision-making. Look forward to shorter meetings. Envision more participation in ministries to children, youth and young adults. Watch people enjoy God's work more.

### **One Ministry Area Grow in Four Months**

Congregations often want help in one major area. They choose the area they want to focus on. Congregations discern what they want to accomplish, with God's help. In both four month and one year options, God is praised and results are measured.