

Testimonials, HealthierChurch.org: December 2017

1. "We quickly learned how coaching helps us take ownership of our piece in the process. Financially, we saw an 80% increase in the number of pledges made, a 5% increase in our regular giving, and an increase of 17% to new ministries. More importantly, many additional people are now involved in the life of the congregation. Ed Kruse will do his best work for you when you are coachable, and you keep him informed before launching into the parts of the process. If you do exactly what he tells you, you will have the best chance of reaching the goals your set."
– Steve, a pastor in Wisconsin
2. "Who would have known that this would be an astounding year and long-lasting impact on the life and mission in our congregation. The excitement was in the clarity of our mission. The joy of the people here is in knowing who we are and whose we are; it gives us courage to listen and how to be open to God's leading."
– Roger, a pastor in Missouri
3. "We participated in a conference sponsored by HealthierChurch.org. Ed Kruse met with our leadership team via Skype and I want to share 5 things our congregation is now doing that is making a difference: 1) We now have a 'Moment for Mission' at every worship service; 2) The people now notice how God is making a difference through our giving; 3) We began a community meal and 4 churches to make it happen; 4) equally important is how everyone feels more of a shared ownership in our congregation ministries; and 5) Now they want to offer those opportunities to the previously 'Uninvolved, Under-involved, Uninvited and Uncomfortable.'"
– Mara, a pastor in Wisconsin
4. "(Bill and Ed), I found your book, *Wake Up, Church!* so good and so very thought-provoking. I like to read books that I learn from and that make me stop and think. The book you put together certainly did that. Things that hit me included things: 1) reframe blame, 2) see the vision statement, 3) transform people's lives, and 4) know how to get every prayer answered: pray for what you already have!"
– Dave, a Lay Leader in Ontario
5. "I sometimes pray over my spiritual gifts, and how all these gifts help me in my job and handling the curveballs that life throws my way! We now have a staff mission statement and it makes sense that we would be other-centered, and it helps me keep the balance at work and at home."
– Angela, an Education Director in South Dakota
6. "I have kept in touch with Ed over the years, and have often found him to be on the cutting edge of ministry growth for congregations. He founded HealthierChurch.org and recently led a transformational 3-hour workshop on 'Activating Inactive Church Members.' What a fascinating subject! And, I learned so much that is practical, and challenging, (just like when I was his vicar.)"
– Darrell, a pastor in Florida
7. "Today's Baptism daily devotion is my favorite. It really speaks directly to the people I serve, as well as to me personally. Thank you so much for composing it and sharing it with me. Blessings in CHRIST,"
– Sharon, a pastor in Texas