

Congregational Leadership Series

leading congregations in a changing world

Three two-part seminars for church leaders to cultivate a new imagination for congregational leadership.

October 25 – 28, 2010 • Des Moines • Cedar Rapids • Quad Cities

Incarnational Ministry: Following Christ right where you are



The Fall 2010 Congregational Leadership Series will help congregational leaders move beyond ministry in the congregation to discovering and deepening their everyday incarnational ministry. Incarnational ministry is doing what you do, going where you go, and being the face, hands and heart of Christ there and then.

Incarnational ministry is about transforming ordinary activity and passions into spirit-filled ministry. Whether you are a teacher, in business, or a homemaker, you have a ministry. This workshop will help you become more intentional to live it. We will explore practices that help us all attune ourselves to the Spirit's call in

every situation. You will discover that incarnational ministry energizes you spiritually and is practically effective because it is authentic to you.

Church leadership needs to be incarnational as well. Incarnational leadership helps others discover their spiritual gifts and use them everyday, right where they are.

The seminars will be repeated three times, in three locations across southeastern Iowa. The sessions are designed to engage both paid staff (pastors and program staff) and lay volunteers, especially those who serve on church councils, boards, or vestries. Each session stands independently; together they form a practical approach to congregational leadership in changing and demanding times.

The Sessions

EVENING SESSION: ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY IN MINISTRY

Often when we envision new ministries in our community, we create programs and urge people to join. But we forget that congregation members are already working and ministering as teachers, business persons, students, homemakers, etc. The first session will help participants name the important ministry that Christians are doing right where they are and help the congregation become a community that supports members as they discover and live out their ministry.

MORNING SESSION: CONGREGATIONS AS CRUCIBLES OF CHRIST-LIKE MINISTRY

The second session explores what it means to be church and minister in Christ – the image and incarnation of Jesus Christ. An incarnational ministry arises out of our deepest passions and true commitments; it is authentic to who we most truly are. As we explore the incarnational nature of the church we will discover a simple process of making your congregation a spiritually energized communion that evokes more authentic and effective ministry, a ministry that is the hands, heart, and mind of Christ in the world.

The Presenter

Robert Martin is passionate about the church and the ministerial potential of each person. He strives to help persons grow as disciples and congregations become churches. He began teaching at Yale Divinity School and is now the Lovett H. Weems, Jr. Associate Professor of Church Leadership and Practical Theology at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. His first book is entitled, *The Incarnate Ground of Christian Faith*. He is completing work on his second, *Transforming Congregations into Communion*.



The Schedule

DES MOINES

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

Monday, October 25, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

CEDAR RAPIDS

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

QUAD CITIES

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, ROCK ISLAND

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 28, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Past Participants Say...

"This event gave us as leaders a common point of reference from which we may continue our conversation about how best and most faithfully we can be the church."

"This was not the traditional seminar or workshop format. It felt more like being a participant in a 'think tank.' Refreshing and insightful."



Registration Information and Form

COST: \$125 per congregation. Congregations may bring as many leaders as they would like to both the evening and the morning session. Congregations bringing six or fewer participants may pay \$20 per person.

Online registration, including credit card payment option, available at www.renewingchurch.org

Contact name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Approximately _____ people from our congregation will attend.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ (Fee is \$125 per congregation or \$20 per person if fewer than six participants.)

We will attend the seminars in:

- Des Moines – Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26
- Cedar Rapids – Tuesday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 27
- Quad Cities – Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28

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the Series at www.renewingchurch.org.**