

New Church Leadership Institute October 10-13, 2011

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**2011 NEW CHURCH
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
EQUIPPING
POTENTIAL NEW CHURCH PASTORS
WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
FOR A
SUCCESSFUL NEW CHURCH START

MT. SEQUOYAH CONFERENCE CENTER
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 10-13, 2011

PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 2012

SCHOOL OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
NEW CHURCH PLANTER TRACK #1

IF GRADUATES ARE APPOINTED TO A NEW
CHURCH, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
"BASIC TRAINING FOR CHURCH PLANTERS"
MAY 8-10, 2012 AT MT. SEQUOYAH

Featured Speakers



Jim Griffith
Griffith Coaching
Kim Griffith
Florida
Conference
Brad Kalajainen
Cornerstone UMC,
Caledonia, MI
Joe Park
Horizons
Stewardship
Sam Rodriguez
Path One, GBOD

Church Planter Testimonies



You will also have an opportunity to spend two hours with the planter of your choice, to hear how they adapted timeless church planting principles to their unique new church ministry contexts.

They will be telling their unique story of how the Lord worked through them to assemble their initial launch team and how they grew during their first year.



Bob Crossman
Director, NCLI

Felix Burrows
D.Min. Mentor
United Seminary

Goals of the New Church Leadership Institute

- Assist pastors and laity to discern if they are called to be a new church planter.
- Connect potential church planters with successful new church planters.
- Equip potential church planters with knowledge and skills for successful church starts.
- Prepare pastors and laity for a variety of New Church Start strategies/models.
- Each participant will write a reflective essay for the consultation process with their District Superintendent.
- Each participant is encouraged to make on-site visits to new church starts in their home conference to hear the founding pastor tell their unique new church story.
- Each participant is encouraged to attend the national UM training: School of Congregational Development - New Church Track, Pre Launch.
- Only some of the graduates may eventually have the opportunity to be appointed to start a new church or be the second pastor of a new church - yet, all will have the opportunity to be supportive of a new UM church beginning in their community and perhaps to encourage their current church to 'give birth' to a new church.
- As the years pass and NCLI graduates become District Superintendents, Board of Ordained Ministry members, Senior Pastors of our largest churches, and members of the CFA... the very DNA of our conferences will be more supportive of the needs of our church planting pastors.

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A Strategy for starting
new UM Churches
in the USA

**Connected
in Christ**

HOST:
Arkansas
Conference

With all of the resources that are invested in a typical church plant, it is amazing that so many UM Conferences do so little training or assessment of the prospective new church pastor. In the past, far too often, we have selected a new church pastor based upon a host of factors such as "do we like the person, are they from our tribe, are they related to someone we know, does it feel like they will do a good job, are they likeable and outgoing, do they really need this job, or are they a warm and willing body?" These factors are insufficient for selecting a planter. Church planters need a skill set that is different from that needed by pastors of existing churches. There is a need for advance training to equip potential church planters with the knowledge and skills needed to start new churches. There is a need for each potential planter to discern if they feel called to plant a new church. Jim Griffith writes, "The process through which new church pastors are recruited, assessed, trained and deployed determines the success or failure of any church planting system. The goal of an effective church planting system is to attract high quality candidates, clearly identify their strengths and patterns of behavior, develop their skill sets and appoint them to a context in which they have an affinity for the target population. Taken together, these are the components for the foundation for starting strong, vital faith communities."

Registration Fee: \$495 per potential church planter (Spouse may register for free.) For housing cost, contact Mt. Sequoyah.

Registration for NCLI Alumni, District Superintendents, Conference Staff, or Conference Committee members: \$195

Registration for Senior Pastors or Laity accompanying the new church planter: \$195

Late Registration: (after September 1st) add: \$100 per person

Event Registration & Housing: Contact: www.mountsequoyah.org OR 1-800-760-8126

Transportation: The Northwest Arkansas Airport XNA & Jim's Shuttle Service 1-866-535-0127

Jim's Shuttle Rates: \$44 one person; \$32 two people; \$28 three people (discounts for round trip)

Or fly into the Tulsa International Airport TUL, and rent a car (110 mile drive). *It is often considerably cheaper to fly into Tulsa.*

Children: Children and infants are welcome at Mt. Sequoyah, but the meeting sessions are for adults only. No childcare available.

Advance notice of future Institute dates:

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Equipping potential new church pastors and laity with the knowledge and skills for a successful new church start.

Equipping potential new church planters with the knowledge and skills for a successful new church start.

EARLY ARRIVAL?

Arrange your travel plans so that you will not miss a single minute!
Rooms available for early arrival at Mount Sequoyah on Sunday.
Dinner on Sunday evening is not provided but great restaurants are close by and many provide delivery service. A continental breakfast is provided on Monday morning for early arrivals.

MONDAY, Oct. 10th SCHEDULE

- 11:30 LUNCH
- 12:00 Registration and informal gathering in Bailey Hall
- 12:30 Orientation Session by Bob Crossman
- 1:30 Chapter 1: Introduction to the Workshop
Chapter 2: Discovering Your Personal Vision Tree
Chapter 3: Your Leadership Style and Church Planting
- 5:30 DINNER
- 7:00 "How Five People Adapted Timeless Church Planting Principles to their Unique New Church Ministry Contexts"

TUESDAY, Oct. 11th SCHEDULE

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Chapter 4: Organizational Preferences
Chapter 5: Type of Church plants
- 12:30 LUNCH (spouses are invited to eat together)
- 1:30 Chapter 6: Behaviors of a Church Planters
Chapter 7: Mindset of a Church Planter
- 5:30 DINNER - some Conference will eat together tonight
- 6:30 On your own - complete 1st draft of your Self-Reflective Essay

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12th SCHEDULE

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Chapter 8: Cost to the Family
Chapter 9: The Interview Process
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 Felix Burrows, United Theological Seminary
- 1:45 Sam Rodriguez, "Focusing on Diversity"
- 3:00 Brad Kalajainen, "Worship and Preaching In Your New Church"
- 5:30 DINNER - some Conference groups will eat together tonight
- 6:30 Free evening for networking;
Optional: worship at Pontiac UMC

THURSDAY, Oct. 13th SCHEDULE

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Joe Park, Stewardship DNA In Your New Church
- 10:50 Wrap Up - Bob Crossman
- 11:45 Closing Worship
- Noon Adjourn - Lunch on your own



Arrange your travel so that you can stay through the closing worship at noon.

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Note Schedule Change:

Please arrange your flight or driving plans so that you will be able to attend the opening session at 12:30 on Monday, and stay through noon on Thursday.



Bob Crossman
Director, NCLI

Monday Orientation:

- Our Schedule
- Covenant
- Book Table
- Handbook (CD distributed)
- Writing Your Self-Reflective Essay
- Purpose of Institute

Thursday Wrap-up

- New Church appointment this June?
- Preparing for consultation with your DS
- How do I plant in a different conference?
- Relationships with a mother church
- An invitation to "test the waters"

Featured Speakers Include:



Jim Griffith
Griffith Consulting



Joe Park
Horizons Stewardship
www.horizonsstewardship.com
"Raising money in the new church setting"
"A new DNA for stewardship in your new church start."



Sam Rodriguez
Path One, GBOD
"Focusing on diversity: discovering best practices in a racial ethnic church"



Brad Kalajainen
Cornerstone UMC
Caledonia, MI
www.cornerchurch.org
Sermon topics and styles for your pre-view, launch, and first years in a new church setting.



Kim Griffith
Florida Conference

Hispanic/Latino

Break Out Group



Sam Rodriguez
will meet with the Hispanic/Latino pastors multiple times throughout the week.

Discernment Journey Testimonies

twenty minute testimonies, ten minutes for Q & A



Karen Horan
Gruene UMC
New Braunfels, TX



Olu Brown
Impact Church
Atlanta, GA

Discernment Journey Testimonies:

- How I discerned that I was called to be a new church pastor
- How God prepared me
- How I responded to God's call
- How my family responded

Church Planter Testimonies • Break Out Groups

two hours on Monday evening in break out groups



Barry Morton
Mt Olive UMC
Van Buren, AR

Martin Hall Room 1
STRATEGY:
Mother-Daughter
SETTING:
City of 22,000

Launched November 2004, now averaging 300 in worship.



Aaron Gabriel Saenz
Valley Praise UMC
Harlingen, Texas

Martin Hall Room 2
STRATEGY:
Began as Satellite
now a new church.
SETTING:
city of 57,000

Launched Feb. 2006 now averaging 200 in worship.



Karen Horan
Gruene UMC
New Braunfels, Texas

Martin Hall Room 3
STRATEGY:
Mother-Daughter
SETTING:
Population 53,000

Launched 2006 now averaging 420 in worship.



Olu Brown
Impact Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Martin Hall Room 4
STRATEGY:
Parachute Drop
SETTING:
Metropolitan area of 350,000

Launched Jan. 2007 Now averaging 1,100 in worship.



Kim Griffith
River of Life UMC
Jacksonville, Florida

Martin Hall Room 6
STRATEGY:
Parachute Drop
SETTING:
St. Johns, population 16,000
Suburb of Jacksonville

Launched Feb. 2001 grew to 265.

Monday evening:
7:00 to 9:00 pm

Spend two hours with the planter of your choice in Martin Hall.

You will hear...
"How did I discern that I was called to be a new church planter?"

"How I adapted the timeless church planting principles of NCLI to my unique ministry context."

"The nuts and bolts of my church start."

Q & A



Dr. Felix Burrows will also be present, representing the Doctor of Ministry Program at United Theological Seminary



• To grow new UM churches, who grow more new UM churches, who grow even more new UM churches... •

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