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Ray served 29 years as senior pastor and church planter in Kansas, Michigan and California, 8 years as Conference Superintendent in Florida, 9 years as Director of Evangelism and Church Growth for the Free Methodist Church of North America.

From 1999 – 2000 he served as President of the American Society for Church Growth now named The Great Commission Growth Network.

From 1998 to 2009 he served as mentor to students of Fuller Seminary Campus in Menlo Park, CA.

He presently is serving as Director of Evangelism and Outreach for the Cornerstone Community Church, a Free Methodist Congregation in St. Petersburg, FL

He is actively involved in leading training seminars, training denominational church consultants and leading conference and local church consultations for churches of various sizes throughout the United States.

Ray is a Church Growth Consultant certified by the Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth in Pasadena, CA, has an AA degree from Central College of Kansas, a BA from Greenville College, M Div. and D Min. degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary.

The Church Consulting Network FMCNA

The Free Methodist Church Consulting Network serves as a resource center to present the latest cutting edge church growth principles to pastors and church leaders. Our mission is to help local Free Methodist congregations fulfill the Great Commission.

Pastors and Conference leaders who attend this year's training event will become better equipped for implementing strategies for turning around stalled out or declining churches.

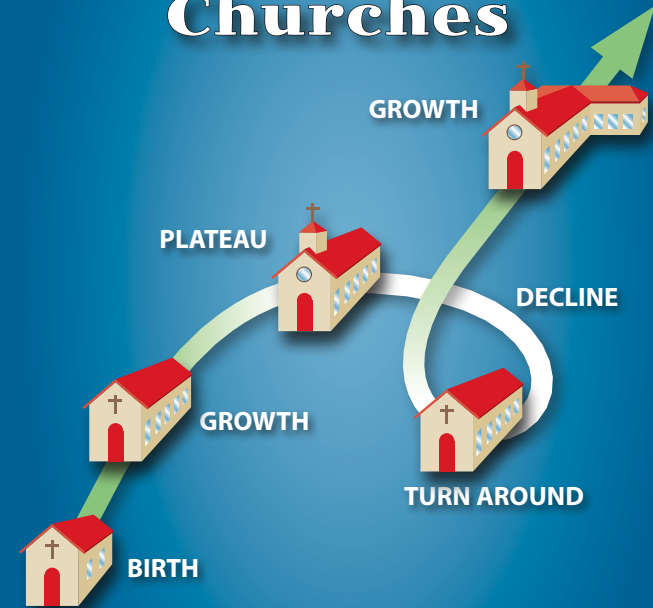
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THIS YEAR'S TRAINING TEAM

James Johnson

Motley, MN Free Methodist Church



For 20 years Jim served as plant manager of an Imitation Seafood Factory in Motley, MN. The plant employed 350 people. God called Jim to serve as the pastor of the Motley

Free Methodist Church in 2002. When Jim assumed leadership of the church the average in morning worship was 22. Now 9 years later the average is 170. Last year the church reported 28 conversions.

Jim enjoys reading, fishing, and farming. He and his wife Sheri have three grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Dave Matthis

Living Hope FMC, West Unity, Ohio



After 30 years of teaching Dave felt called to serve the Lord as Pastor of a church that could not afford a full-time pastor. In 2007 he was appointed as

pastor of Living Hope Free Methodist Church in West Unity, Ohio. The church was located 65 miles from his home in Union City, MI. The church was averaging 27 in morning worship. Motivated to reach lost people for Jesus the church now averages 105 in worship. Last year the church reported 50 conversions. A 200 seat sanctuary is being built. Sixty percent of the congregation consists of new or recommitted Christians.

Jon Howery

Hope Fellowship, West Palm Beach, FL



Jon has served as youth leader, worship pastor and new church developer in Indiana. In 2005 he moved to West Palm Beach to become Worship Director at Hope Fellowship

Community Church. In 2006 he became lead pastor at Hope Fellowship. Under his leadership the church has nearly doubled from an average of 50 to nearly 100. Last year there were 26 conversions reported.

Ben Sigman

Timberlake Church, Redmond, WA



When Ben became lead pastor at Timberlake Church the church was in decline with an average of 988. Ben came to Timberlake with a passion for people, a heart to teach

God's Word and a vision to lead the church into its next stage of ministry. Under his leadership three years later the church averaged 1,399 in worship. Last year there were 359 conversions reported at Timberlake.

John Hanson

Lamb's Fellowship, Murrieta, CA



John has served as missionary in China for several years. He put himself through college and seminary by running a painting business and working in marketing. When

John was appointed to Lamb's Fellowship in 2003 the church was averaging 63 in worship. John led the church in a turnaround restart process, and the church currently welcomes nearly 1,300 in four weekend services. Last year the church reported 142 conversions. Two hundred people from Lamb's Fellowship are directly involved in outreach ministries.

Leroy M. "Skip" Hellmig

New Beginnings FMC, Wampville, N.Y.



Skip served 7 years in active military service and then 29 years in law enforcement as a Patrol Officer. He currently serves as a Chaplain to the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

New Beginnings Community Church is located in a very rural, poverty stricken area. 51% of the county is either unemployed or underemployed. When he was appointed pastor of New Beginnings 18 years ago the church averaged 58. Average worship attendance reported last year was 526.

FMCNA Training Event

March 6-7, 2012

Who Should Attend?

Lead Pastors and Staff • Church Planters
District Leaders • Leaders in Evangelism

Training Schedule

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012

Registration.....8:30 AM
Training 9:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Wednesday, March 7th, 2012

Training8:30 AM – Noon

Location

All sessions will be held at the Cornerstone Community Church
6745 38th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL, 33710

Lodging

Individuals will be responsible for making their own arrangements for lodging. A location map and list of motels will be sent to all who register.

Registration Form

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Name(s) _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Email _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Email _____

Consulting Network Website:

www.churchconsultingnetwork.org

Consulting Network Blog:

www.churchconsultingnetwork.org/blog

Mail registration form with check or money order payable to:
Free Methodist Church of North America, Attn: Beth Kilgore, P.O. Box 535002, Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002.
Contact: bethk@fmcna.org • (800) 342-5531 • fax (317) 244-1247 or raywellis@gmail.com

Please use a separate form for each person or couple. (Photocopies are acceptable)

Registration Cost
\$79.00 Individual
\$99.00 Couple

I am enclosing my/our registration fee of \$ _____

I will pay upon arrival.

I/we will need transportation from the Tampa airport to the Cornerstone FMC in St. Petersburg, Florida.

I/we would appreciate free housing for March 5-6, 2012.