
Learning

Participants in the Mission School will learn ...

- To increase mission awareness and vitality in their congregation
- To recognize that change requires leadership
- To make mission central to the life of the congregation and in their own lives
- To make changes based on mission
- To use effective means to introduce and implement change
- To turn problems into challenges
- To use biblical concepts and themes as the foundation for mission awareness and action
- To see the many external changes in the context in which the congregation's mission is lived
- To make a difference **RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW**

Mission School

Once trained, the trainer will set up a mission school in the congregation. Those who attend will create and sustain mission awareness and activity within the congregation. Each "class" in the mission school takes 12-15 hours of instruction; each class is composed of twelve people. Successive classes will train other people in the congregation.

New Visions



Leadership For Mission

Curriculum

The curriculum includes Dr. Steinke's book - *A Door Set Open*. In addition, each trainee will receive five study guides that complement the book and a training manual. Available for purchase are three DVDs, titled *When Anxiety Strikes*, *Leading Change*, and *To Make a Difference*.

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Training Events

New Visions has two types of training events - Regional and Local. We schedule regional events in different parts of the country. The cost of this training is \$350. The training extends from 9-4 for two consecutive days.

Local events are put together by someone locally. The fee for training varies according to the number attending.

15 people - ~~\$325~~ per person
20 people - ~~\$300~~ per person
25 people - ~~\$275~~ per person
30+ people - ~~\$250~~ per person

These events are also 9-4 on two consecutive days.

For more information, check our website - <http://newvisions.us> - or send message to hcongregations@austin.rr.com

Bonus

Besides preparing people to be more alert and active regarding mission, the training will help clergy and lay leaders understand and implement the change process.

A New Day

The context in which the church finds itself today is vastly different from the past. New challenges face every congregation. One researcher noted that 55,000 churches will close in the next 30 years. A second researcher claims that twenty percent of existing churches will close in the next twenty years. To sit still and act routinely is to draw closer to these predictions.

What Others Are Saying

"I would tell a prospective learner that mission school gives a leader the possibility of a different way to see a situation, a new way to work, and an opening to change the status quo."

"Being part of a congregation is now different because I will encourage looking for a mission activity outside ourselves - what God is sending us to do."

"Right on! Excellent material. The learning experience is special. I like the question - How does the community around our location know we care about it?"

Training Staff

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Jon R. Lee served as pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas. He has been very active both in community and church affairs. Texas Lutheran University gave him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

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