



Annual Coaching Academy trains coaches to accompany and support leaders

Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation is hosting its second annual Coaching Academy on May 21-24, 2012, at The Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis, Ind. The event provides training on the art of coaching to qualified individuals who, once approved, will accompany and hold accountable pastoral leaders and their congregations seeking to live out new and transformed expressions of ministry in this new era of God's mission.

Jim Griffith and Pat Donahoo will serve as trainers for this year's Academy. Griffith, of Griffith and Associates, has been training coaches for nearly 30 years and helped the Disciples new church ministry team establish their coaching network in its early phases. As a highly successful church planter himself, Griffith has coached hundreds of pastors and planters in the past decade. Pat Donahoo is the executive director for Disciples Women. With expertise in the appreciative inquiry approach to coaching, Donahoo is known as a gifted teacher and transformational leader and pastor. Ketty Santos, minister for Coaching for Hope Partnership, will support both trainers.

The Coaching Academy was developed out of several years of experience training coaches or Barnabases to support new church planters.

"We learned through our work with new church planters," says Santos, "that a congregation is far more likely to succeed when its leader works with a coach who helps him or her stay focused on and accountable for the goals and vision of the new church." Last year's Academy trained nearly 60 coaches, who are either working with new or transforming leaders or are on a list of coaches to be referred to new projects.



Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation works with other partners to recruit, equip and support leaders for new and transforming mission. In addition to coaching services, Hope Partnership services include skill development events for new, transforming and emergent congregational leaders; peer learning groups; demographic and relocation services; ministry planning; New Beginnings Assessment Service; and the work of the wider Church's new church imperative.

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