



March 20, 2013

Dear Disciples Colleagues:

We are excited to announce our Annual Coaching Academy. This is our opportunity for our coaches and potential coaches, for both new and transforming congregations, to receive high-quality instructional training on the art of coaching.

For this event, it is our pleasure to have **Rev. Dr. Don Nations** as our trainer. Don is the founder of DNA Coaching. Supported by specialists in education, research, statistics and analysis, he coordinates the ministry of DNA Coaching and serves as its Lead Coach.

After 17 years of local church ministry, during which he planted a church and led successful transformation efforts in several churches, he transitioned to serving as a full-time coach and consultant in January, 2006. He is a graduate of Florida Southern College (B.S.), Asbury Theological Seminary (M. Div.) and Columbia Theological Seminary (D. Min.). Don has extensive training in church consulting, church planting, assessment, psychology and coaching leaders. He has led seminars and workshops on small group leadership, financial planning, advertising and marketing, reaching pre-Christian people, starting new worship services and many other subjects.

Don is the author of Practical Pragmatic Church Growth, a book designed to help leaders bring added life and vitality to their church. He is also the author of The Church Transformation Survey, a tool for assessing the health and vitality of local congregations, and The Church Transformation Survey Workbook, a workbook designed to help congregations improve their effectiveness in ministry. Don has published devotional material in The Upper Room and on the Internet. His other publications range from articles on ministry with and to those infected/affected with HIV/AIDS to culture change and ethics. He has held numerous leadership positions in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Don has completed Consultant I and II training with Bill Easum and the Vision Discernment and Congregational Mission Assessment training (level I and II) with Tom Bandy. Don has served as a focus coach at Church Multiplication Training Center's (CMTC) Church Planter's Boot Camp and has completed the National Coaching Certification process with Inquest Christian Ministries. He is a certified coach for the Natural Church Development system of approaching church transformation. He has worked with Jim Griffith in the area of church planting. He also is a Certified Human Behavior Consultant through Personality Insights

The Coaching Academy will be held May 6-9, 2013 at The Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Potential participants are to arrive between 12:30-3:30pm on Monday May 6, 2013. Training will begin at 9:00am on Tuesday May 7th and conclude at approximately 11:00am on Thursday May 9th, though we ask for travel arrangements to take place after 2:00pm. The cost of this training experience is only \$500, which will cover registration, housing and most meals. We will provide shuttle transportation to and from the training center only during our suggested travel schedules (Monday afternoon from 12:30pm-3:30pm and Thursday at 12:00pm). Please note you will be sharing a room with another leader of the same gender, if you request a single room, you must include \$125.00 fee. Please call Milly Sempritt by April 20, 2013 with your travel arrangements. She can be reached at 317.713.2538

Those who complete the training will be placed on our list of approved coaches and may be referred to future projects Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you again for your partnership.

Yours in Christ,



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