

SUMMER INSTITUTE

for Pastors and Seminarians

AUGUST 14-18, 2006

RENEWING THE HISTORIC CHURCH

The Summer Institute is an exciting initiative that seeks to train pastors and seminarians to successfully effect renewal in the unique and challenging setting of the historic church. In particular our focus is to prepare pastors for leadership in churches rooted in the Congregational, Christian, Evangelical, and Reformed tradition, represented by congregations affiliated presently or formerly with the United Church of Christ.

The Institute will invite 12 pastors and/or seminarians with their spouses and families for five days-- Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18 -- to the campus of the Candia Congregational Church for practical training in the strategic elements of renewal ministry, taught by experienced renewalists.

It is our prayer that the Institute will serve as a laboratory for training courageous pastors of vision for this strategic mission. We would hope that these groups would develop a much deeper rooted and connected fellowship of those engaged together in working on this frontier. We would also hope to create a picture of possibility, which would mobilize seminaries and seminarians to respond to this call.

CURRICULUM

The Institute will include worship, intercessory prayer, personal reflection and accountability on call and vision for ministry, as well as seminars on strategic skills and issues. Some sessions will integrate spouses and there will be opportunity for spouses to meet separately for sessions in critical issues of support.

The Institute will also offer practical interviews on individual needs in pursuing ordination, education, family relationships, or pastoral placement following the Institute. Participants will have an opportunity to work on a good pastoral profile (resume).

Tentatively, seminars will include:

- *The Role of Biblical Preaching in Renewal*
- *Vision and Call* (knowing what it is and pursuing it with commitment)
- *History is On Your Side - Calling Your Church to Its Roots* (how to identify a local church's call, identity, character and mission through its history)
- *From Seminary to Ordination* (how to do the practical things necessary to make it happen)
- *Pastor as Missionary* (reaching a church and community culture in which the gospel is new and alien requires as missionary spirit and strategy)
- *Developing Networks for Support and Inspiration* (how to find and use a pastors prayer group and enable your church to relate to the wider church in its community)
- *Case Studies in Renewal* (how was it done, where it was successful and what happened when it wasn't?)

➤ *Initiating Strategic Change* (how to bring change to an historic church in an effective manner. Where to start, what to leave alone, finding opportunities)

➤ *Reaching the Church That Isn't There YET* (seeing beyond the limiting relationships and expectations of the existing congregation/mobilizing the existing congregation for doable evangelism)

➤ *Resolving Conflicts: The Inevitable and the Unnecessary* (in renewal work, some conflicts seem to arise universally in every situation, some are exacerbated by insensitive leadership - how to engage, resolve and avoid with wisdom)

FACULTY

The Institute faculty will include Rev. David Runnion-Bareford, Executive Director of BWF and other experienced renewal leaders and pastors. Pastor Renee' Rouse, Associate Pastor at Candia will provide worship. Her expertise in family systems counseling will also play a supportive role in meeting the needs of those who come.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Late afternoons and evenings will be opportunities for fellowship at our nearby lake beach, the ocean coast, or other area attractions. Transportation to planned activities will be provided.

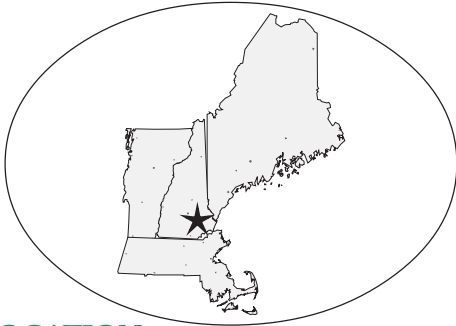
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Childcare will be provided, with specifically designed age-appropriate activities planned for those attending.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Institute will begin about 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning and conclude on Friday afternoon.

Tuition is \$120 per family for the week. This includes all lunches, 3 evening meals, and materials. Overnight accommodations are additional. Options include a beautiful historic bed and breakfast within a short walking distance of the campus, camping at a nearby State Park, area motels, and limited housing with church families.



LOCATION

The Institute will be conducted on the campus of the Candia Congregational Church, a vibrant, renewed church recognized by Vision New England as one of the region's "100 healthy churches" which was moribund in the early 1980's.

The unique location of Candia in the foothills of New Hampshire, 25 minutes from Manchester Airport, 50 miles from Boston, 30 miles from coastal beaches, and two hours from the heart of the White Mountains makes this a wonderful opportunity for renewal for those who participate.

Enrollment is limited to 12 pastors or seminarians and their families. Early application is recommended.

Send application to:

Biblical Witness Fellowship
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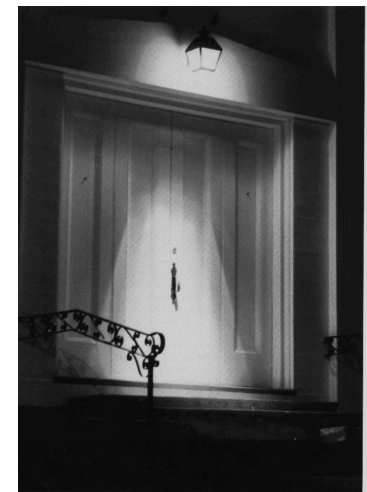
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