

Our Unique Perspectives:

These convictions will, in some way, come through in every workshop and will be explicitly proclaimed in the plenaries.

- Revitalization begins where you are now – usually small and almost always discouraged
 - Most congregations have a “glorious past” but even that didn’t measure up to the mega-church stuff getting prominent attention these days.
 - Our past is irrelevant except where it models faithfulness and openness to the future
- Revitalization isn’t mostly about numbers, it’s mostly about trust, purpose and passion.
 - We knew we were revitalized long before any numbers began to show it.
- Revitalization is a work of the Holy Spirit and so the core competency we must bring to revitalization is openness to and trust in the Spirit even when this is taking us where we did not expect to go.
- Revitalization is always indigenous
 - requires taking your particular community seriously
 - requires taking your particular church people seriously
- Revitalization is rooted in the “holy trinity” of:
 - Indigenous worship
 - Indigenous small groups
 - Indigenous mission/service

Attendees will be able to pick from three “tracks” for workshops; worship, small groups, and mission/service.

Everyone will be together for the plenary sessions.

A Draft Schedule

Friday

4:00 – 7:00: Check In – Great Room

7:00 – 9:00: Opening Plenary – Great Room

Steve Ross & Mark Pederson

The Three Legs of Church Revitalization in the None Zone: Worship, Relationship (small groups), and Mission / Service

Saturday

8:30 – 9:30: Continental Breakfast & Fellowship – Great Room

9:30 – 10:00: Plenary – Great Room

Steve Ross

Why is “indigenous” the key word for None Zone Revitalization? (No “mass appeal”)

10:15 – 11:45: Workshop #1 – Theory

Vitality 101 – Planting Seeds: The basics of awakening your congregation

- i. Managing Conflict and Change

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Vitality 201 – Living Water: Revitalizing Worship

- i. What is "indigenous worship" and why does it matter?

Steve Ross, Mark Pederson

Vitality 202 – Fertile Soil: Revitalizing Relationships (Small Group Ministries)

- i. How natural and relevant small groups make relationships flourish.

Paul Adams

Vitality 203 – Sharing Light: Revitalizing Mission and Service

- i. How do mission and service light a fire in a congregation?

Jeff Peterson

Noon – 2:00: Lunch on your own in McMinnville

2:00 – 3:30: Plenary in the Great Room

Patricia O'Connell Killen

Keynote address: "A 'Feel for the Place': Insights, Energy, and Ideas for Ministry in the 'None Zone'"

Yes, the Pacific Northwest is the 'None Zone', but that label should spur all kinds of questions. What difference does the religious character of the region make for those called to ministry? What possibilities are disclosed when one develops a 'feel for the place'? This presentation will engage you in thinking about our regional religious culture, especially how it influences the ways that individuals pursue spiritual quests, shape theological questions, and interact with established faith communities. You will come away understanding better the power of your ministry in this place.

3:45 – 5:15: Workshop #2 – How we got here and what we do

Vitality 101 – Planting Seeds: awakening your congregation,

- ii. LOVE Ministry
- ii. ReThink Church

Gary Ross

Greg Nelson

Vitality 201 – Living Water: Revitalizing Worship

- ii. How did we discover indigenous worship at the Coop and what can you learn from our experience?

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Vitality 202 – Fertile Soil: Revitalizing Relationships (Small Group Ministries)

- ii. How did we discover natural and relevant small groups at the Coop and what can you learn from our experience?

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Vitality 203 – Sharing Light: Revitalizing Mission and Service

Jeff Peterson

- ii. What worked to expand mission and service at the Coop and what can you learn from our experience?

5:30 – 7:15: Banquet in the Great Room

Music as people are gathering (Occasional Quartet?)

Q&A after some eating time – Patricia and/or workshop presenters panel

7:30 – 9:00: Workshop #3 – Applying it in your context

Vitality 101 – Planting Seeds: The basics of awakening your congregation

- iii. Reaching new people groups

Beth Estock

Vitality 201 – Living Water: Revitalizing Worship

Steve Ross, Mark Pederson

- iii. How can your congregation revitalize worship with the people you already have?

Vitality 202 – Fertile Soil: Revitalizing Relationships (Small Group Ministries) ***Paul Adams***

- iii. Techniques your congregation can use to foster small groups that will deepen and extend relationships.

Vitality 203 – Sharing Light: Revitalizing Mission and Service

Jeff Peterson

- iii. Techniques your congregation can use to grow in mission and service to your community.

8:00 – 10:00 PM: Conference Reception: Wednesday Wines, 3rd & Cows Streets

Sunday

8:00 -9:30: Continental Breakfast in Great Room – chance to mingle with our actual folks and talk to them about what their church means to them.

8:45 – Noon: Worship experiences (normal schedule) and coaching appointments?

Coaching: participants will have an opportunity to meet with coaches as congregational teams to get a start on planning how to take what they have learned into their own specific context. This will happen Sunday morning or even into the afternoon if coaches and teams want to do that. Space provided but meals are on their own.

Coaches: *(Coaches will receive a \$75 honorarium and free registration)*