

Acts 16:5 Initiative

SEMINAR 1

Friday & Saturday, March 6-7, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Evangelism Committee invites all pastors and congregations to attend the Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar 1. This will be an exciting launch event for the Acts 16:5 Initiative process in our presbytery.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative is about growing the missional transformation of congregations. *“So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.” Acts 16:5 NRSV*

The Acts 16:5 Initiative is a three-year process that enables a judicatory (such as a presbytery) to lead its congregations to grow in transformational and missional momentum. It combines intensive instruction with ongoing personal coaching and encouragement to pastors and congregational leaders. This enables congregations to reflect on their present vision and practices and to effectively introduce new vision and practices. The Vital Churches Institute partners with the presbytery in a teaching and coaching role that offers content, encouragement and counsel to those who want to see their congregations grow in vitality by God's grace.



Biography

E. Stanley Ott, Ph.D.

Stan is president of the Vital Churches Institute. He has served congregations in transformation for over thirty years and understands well the dynamics of congregational transformation. He has taught the principles of congregational vitality and leadership and of missional engagement to thousands of people throughout the United States and abroad. Stan has degrees from Georgia Tech, Purdue University, and McCormick Theological Seminary.

Publications he has written include “Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church,” “Transform Your Church With Ministry Teams,” “The Vibrant Church: People-Building Plan for Congregational Health,” and “The Joy of Discipling: Friend with Friend, Heart with Heart.”

