

North Texas Conference Transformation Process – December Update

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Thank You!

- For caring enough about your church to be part of the transformation process
- For caring enough about your community to reach out to them with the life-changing message of Jesus
- For being willing to make significant change in order to get significantly better results
- For embracing the work that is necessary to improve the performance of the church
- For not simply being satisfied with how things currently are
- For listening to the call of God in Jesus to make disciples!

So What Do We Do Now?

The transformation process has started. The on-site visit has taken place. The first training event has passed. Now what? Here are three things that each church in the transformation process can be doing now that will make a difference.

- Address the issues raised during the site visit. For many this will mean installing/improving signage, addressing landscaping and building issues and/or improving the parking area. If you can't do it all now, pick something and get started. You only get one opportunity to make a great first impression.
- Strengthen the hospitality system of the church. You may want to use The Church Transformation Survey (CTS) and the CTS Workbook as a guide. The goal is to make guests feel treasured (and score a "5" on this item on the CTS).
- Strengthen the guest follow-up system of the church. You may want to use The Church Transformation Survey (CTS) and the CTS Workbook as a guide. The goal is to let guests know that you really care about them and would love for them to return (and score a "5" on this item on the CTS).

What Is The Welcoming Congregation Award?

The Welcoming Congregation Award is part of the Igniting Ministry effort of the United Methodist Church. It recognizes congregations that are taking intentional steps to be welcoming to first-time guests. Churches receive "points" for each activity associated with welcoming and when the church has earned enough points it qualifies for the award.

Every church in the transformation process is expected to qualify for this award within twelve months. Knowing the churches and leaders of the North Texas Annual Conference, I am sure that it won't take you nearly that long to qualify. Each church will need to re-qualify each year (which takes more points).

The Welcoming Congregation Award information and application packet are available on-line at http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFKmg/b.4861199/k.4BF1/Welcoming_Certification.htm

Who You Gonna Call?

If you have a question about the transformation process, want to discuss an outreach opportunity, are looking for some ideas, have a leadership question, etc., please feel free to send me an email. An important part of this process is the availability for coaching, consulting and conversation throughout the year. I look forward to hearing from you – don@dnacoaching.com.