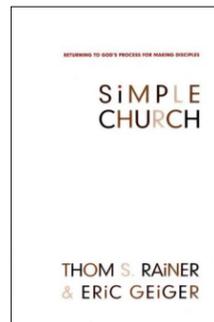
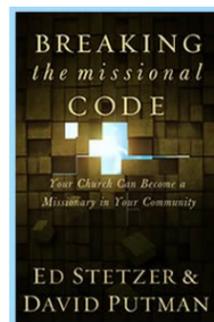
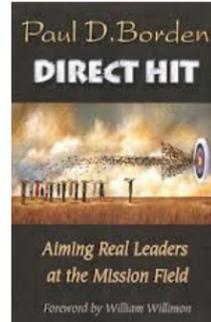




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**Good Reads ...**



**Rio Texas Conference**



Jesus said, "As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!" (John 4:34-35, *The Message*)

## WEEKEND CONSULTATION

The majority of congregations are in decline or on a plateau. Many of these congregations were at one time healthy, growing and doing effective ministry for those who attend as well as for those in the communities in which they exist. However, the opposite is now the case for most. Now is the time to lead a congregation through systemic change!

Healthy, growing congregations need minor tweaks to help them reach more people in their community who need the transforming grace of God.

Congregations on the decline often need an outside consultant to help them understand the severity of their situation. At the same time, the congregation and leaders are given hope and counsel to start a new life cycle with a new vision and mission. to take advantage of the opportunity for change.



Rev. John McMullen consulting with Northern Hills UMC in Austin, Texas.

## CONGREGATIONAL COACHING

A coach will partner with your congregation and leadership to help with the implementation of your particular prescriptions. She will ask powerful questions that will help your congregation see possibilities for the future as well as the obstacles of the past and will help hold your congregation accountable to itself for its own success!



## Healthy solutions for your church's growth ...

### GET READY

- ◆ **4 - 6 months before Consultation** - Church Council approves a Weekend Consultation
- ◆ **Prayer and Lead Teams are selected.**
- ◆ **4 weeks before Consultation** - Church completes Self-Study and submits it 4 weeks prior to consultation
- ◆ **4 weeks before Weekend Consultation** - Self-Study materials submitted to SCI Coordinator (both printed and electronic copies). Pastor completes DISC Personality Inventory and Gallup StrengthsFinder Survey and submits to SCI Coordinator.

### CONSULT

- ◆ **CONSULTATION WEEKEND**
- ◆ **Saturday** - Interviews with pastor, staff, key leaders, spouse, potluck lunch and congregation learning time.
- ◆ **Sunday** - Sermon and reading of prescriptions to congregation after worship
- ◆ **30 DAYS AFTER CONSULTATION**
- ◆ Three **Town Hall** meetings are scheduled to discuss prescriptions and pray
- ◆ **Church Conference** is held 30 days after consultation with DS to vote on the adoption of the 3 prescriptions

### IMPLEMENT

- ◆ Upon adoption of the prescriptions, there will be a **Service of Prayer and Reconciliation**
- ◆ The coach will meet with leaders for a **Day of Envisioning and Prayer**
- ◆ The coach will meet with Church Council to prioritize the prescriptions and set benchmarks for their accomplishment
- ◆ The coach will continue to meet with the congregation until the prescriptions are fully implemented or for up to 18 months. Coaching costs covered by Mission Vitality Center..

*Move your congregation to a new vision, a fresh sense of a church that is, in the power of the Holy Spirit, moving beyond mere maintenance toward real mission ... relentlessly turned out toward the world in the name of Jesus.*