Church Growth with Randy Pope (Part One of the Course)

In this part of the course you will be equipped to leading others: 1) from unbelief to belief (evangelism), 2) from belief to maturity (discipleship), and 3) from maturity to leadership (leadership development). This will be a time of learning, sharing and exploring the use of life-on-life missional discipleship to bring spiritual reformation to your church or ministry. Ministry leaders from more than twenty-one states and nine countries have received this biblically based training material. This training is not designed to stop with this course, rather it is designed to be the launching point for a more in-depth, hands on equipping journey through 3-5 day optional follow-up clinics where you “roll up your sleeves” with key leaders in your church in order to take what was learned in the course and bring it into practical application in your ministry.

Randy Pope is the founding pastor of Perimeter Church in North Atlanta. Perimeter has helped start six global church planting centers and has partnerships with nationals in eight countries providing on-going training for church leaders. In addition to churches planted both nationally and internationally, Perimeter has helped plant twenty-eight churches in the greater Atlanta area and is a founding partner of Unite, a group of over 100 churches from different denominations working together to bring Kingdom transformation to the city of Atlanta.

Perimeter was recently recognized by Leadership Network as number four in the list of “America’s Top 25 Multiplying Churches.” Randy is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Reformed Theological Seminary. He moved to Atlanta in 1977 to plant Perimeter Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). His personal passion and commitment is to make and train disciples of Christ. He has recently established Life-On-Life.Net, an organization committed to establishing life-on-life Missional discipleship in churches worldwide. Randy is the author of three books: The Intentional Church (previously released as The Prevailing Church), Finding Your Million Dollar Mate, and The Answer. He has also written a missional discipleship curriculum titled The Journey. Randy and his wife, Carol, have four married children and four grandchildren.
Church Revitalization with Ken Priddy (Part Two of the Course)

Leading church analysts such as Lyle Schaller, George Barna, Mike Regele, Reggie McNeal, Linus Morris and Ed Stetzer unanimously state the obvious; the American Protestant church is overwhelmingly in plateau and decline. There are problems, both spiritual and strategic, but there are solutions. This course examines the dynamics that create and perpetuate plateau and decline, and examines concepts, principles and tools that create and sustain health, growth and multiplication, moving church focus from inward to outward.

Ken Priddy is a seasoned ministry development practitioner, coach, trainer, and consultant who currently ministers as President of The Ken Priddy Group, Director of Church Renewal with Outreach North America (ARP), and as Church Development Director with the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. He holds both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. His dissertation is titled, ReStarting the Dying Church. Ken and his wife, Sharon, have four adult children and live in Richmond, Virginia. Ken’s work in renewal began in the early 90’s as he responded to the call to pastor an eighty-seven year old church in Phoenix, AZ, that had declined to thirteen members. Prayer, research, study, hard work, innovation and the grace of God led to a significant revitalization of this steeply declining church. Ken left the church after seven years as a thriving congregation with strong ministries within the church and outside in the community.

Today Ken serves the Kingdom by bringing insights, principles and tools that he has developed through years of experience to local, regional and national church leaders. His process is built on two pillars, Spiritual Renewal with Strategic Initiative developed through biblical and practical theology. Dozens of churches and hundreds of church leaders have benefited from Ken’s revitalization ministry, now in its seventeenth year.

Course Integration Projects/Papers

The course integration projects/papers will be defined by each professor in class: Note: The nature of the two combined projects/papers are designed to complement each other and represent the equivalent work of one normal required 3-hour D.Min. project/paper for one D.Min. course.

Course Reading Assignments

There are separate reading lists for each professor that require 1000 pages of NEW reading (2000 pages combined, i.e. normal requirement for one course) for each course. Students are required to write a one-page maximum standard report (see form at end of this syllabus) for each book or article over 50 pages. Reports are due the first day of class, July 12. Please email them to Joyce Sisler at jsisler@rts.edu.
Church Growth Reading Assignments (Part 1 of the Course)

Required Reading
ISBN-13: 978-0802427403 (Re-reading is permissible since it’s a required text)

Recommended Reading
Note: Must read approximately 800 pages of new reading from the following list and write a reading report on each one over 50 pages:


- Cymbala, Jim. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire: What Happens When God’s Spirit Invades the Heart of His People?* Zondervan, 1997. 224 pp. ASIN: B000OV9XC6 (Not available for direct purchase on Amazon)


Church Revitalization Reading Assignments (Part 2 of the Course)

Required Reading (if you have not previously read)

Deliberate Simplicity: How the Church Does More by Doing Less
Dave Browning, 201 pages (read all) ISBN-13: 978-0310285670

The House Church Book: Rediscover the Dynamic, Organic, Relational, Viral Community.

Hit the Bullseye: How Denominations Can Aim the Congregation at the Mission Field.
Paul D. Borden, 76 pages (read pages 13-77, 105-117) ASIN: B001UHNI1K (Available on Amazon as Kindle book only)

The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission (Revised Edition).

ReJesus: A Wild Messiah for a Missional Church

The Seven Faith Tribes: Who They Are, What They Believe and Why They Matter.

Teach a Church to Fish (available as a free download), Ken Priddy. 80 pages. Website will be emailed to all students enrolled.

Recommended Reading
Note: Must read approximately 200 pages of new reading from the following list and write a reading report on each one over 50 pages:


Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know.

Spiritual Birthline: Understanding How We Experience New Birth.

The Church of Irresistible Influence: Bridge-Building Stories to Help Reach Your Community.
Out of the Salt Shaker & Into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life
Rebecca Manley Pippert. 260 pages ASIN: B000GRD8VA (May not available to purchase directly from Amazon)

From Embers to a Flame: How God Can Revitalization Your Church


Simple Church: Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples.

Breakout Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap


Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community.

Recommended Reading (from the marketplace):


Crossing the Chasm: Marketing and Selling Disruptive Products to Mainstream Customers. Geoffrey A. Moore. 211 pages ASIN: B001S33280 (Not available for direct purchase on Amazon)
Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.
# Reading Summary Sheet

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