

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

Acts 16:5 Initiative

Seminar I

Sunday, Oct. 25 4-8 p.m. – Monday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lewes PC, 133 Kings Hwy., Lewes, DE, (302) 645-5345

The Church Development Unit invites all pastors and congregations to attend the Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar I. This is a stand-alone event for examining ways to reach people in your community and a launch for the Acts 16:5 Initiative process in our presbytery.

The Rev. Stan Ott and the Vital Churches Institute have compiled materials and programs that can lead to increased vigor and growth among small, midsize and large congregations. We ask that your congregation prayerfully consider this exciting opportunity.

Date: Oct. 25-26

Location: Lewes Presbyterian Church

Time: 4 p.m. Sun. - 4 p.m. Mon.

Cost: \$50.00

Have questions or need more information? Kathi Busch, (302) 764-9007

ACTS 16:5 INITIATIVE SEMINAR I – REGISTRATION FORM

Church: _____ Phone: _____

Pastor: _____ E-mail: _____

Team Members attending the Acts 16:5 Seminar I:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Financial assistance requested to attend

Return this form to:

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Seminar I
October 25 – 26, 2009
at Lewes Presbyterian Church

All pastors and congregations are invited to attend the introductory Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar I. This event is both a “Launch” for the Acts 16:5 process and a “stand alone” event.

Attending congregations will be invited to continue the Acts 16:5 process, making the three-year commitment required. This permits each pastor and congregational team to make an informed decision about the proposed process. This seminar will also provide great materials for use by attending congregations—even those that choose not to continue in the formal Acts 16:5 process.

The Church Development Unit of Our Presbytery hopes that your congregation will prayerfully consider this exciting opportunity.

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A program of New Castle Presbytery



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."*



The vision of the Vital Churches Institute is to lead the transformation of the mainline church and its missional engagement with the world. Our specific aim is to encourage Christians, pastors, congregations and presbyteries to discover new levels of vitality, faith and fruitfulness through the Acts 16:5 Initiative, congregational consulting, and a variety of published and online resources.

the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily (Acts 16:5) NRSV

What the Initiative offers...

The Acts 16:5 Initiative invites interested congregations to engage in a deliberate process of congregational transformation that is both communal and missional - serving both the congregation and its surrounding community and world.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative provides congregations with guidance and support through a three-year transition process of transformation and missional engagement. The Vital Churches Institute acts as a "coach" by offering content, encouragement, counsel, and graceful accountability to each congregation as it grows in vitality by God's grace and works to accomplish mission goals.

The Acts 16:5 process brings together several major factors that influence transformation including a biblically-based vision, a commitment to the transformation process, coaching, and time.

What the Initiative involves...

The Acts 16:5 Initiative process involves leadership from the pastor, Session, and congregation. The Session will be asked to commit to the three-year process of ministry assessment and new ministry development that honors the past and looks to the future.

The pastor and a team of about six participants will meet regularly and will attend seven equipping events together over three years while working to develop specific ministry proposals for their congregation in cooperation with the Session. The pastor will meet regularly with other pastors for mutual encouragement and help in applying the concepts of transformation.

How to register for the Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar I

Registration information about each session will be sent to each church pastor and clerk. The registration fee for Seminar I is \$50.00 per person, which includes materials and meals both days.

For more information, contact:

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Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar I – Develop a Defining Vision (Two-day Introductory Workshop)

- Module 1: Awaken a New Expectation
- Module 2: Develop a Defining Vision
- Module 3: Identify Defining Practices
- Module 4: Ministry Design by Alignment

Commitment to the three-year Acts 16:5 Initiative process

Acts 16:5 Initiative Six-Month Gathering I (One-day event)

- Module 5: Ministry Design Using Action Learning
- Module 6: Design Transformational Missional Endeavor
- Module 7: Design a Transformational Ministry of Fellowship
- Module 8: Next Steps

Acts 16:5 Initiative Seminar II – Design a Transformational Ministry (Two-day Advanced Workshop)

- Module 1: Move to Ministry Design
- Module 2: Design a Transformational Ministry of Worship
- Module 3: Design a Transformational Ministry of Discipleship
- Module 4: Design a Transformational Ministry of Leadership

Acts 16:5 Initiative Six-Month Gathering II (One-day event)

- Module 5: Design Transformational Ministry Team Leadership
- Module 6: Design a Transformational Session

Acts 16:5 Initiative Six-Month Gatherings III, IV and V

(One-day events spaced approximately six months apart addressing issues such as stewardship, mobilizing members for ministry and discipleship systems)