
CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION:

Affirmation of the vision, strategy, core values, and core beliefs.

RATIONALE: We believe all participants should understand on the front end what we hold as central to the success of this training curriculum. Therefore, the core values and core beliefs are not negotiable and under gird the vision and strategy. All training and ministry practice will be based on the stated valued and beliefs.

Unanimous agreement to participate from Clergy and Elected/Appointed Leadership of the congregation (Vestry, Wardens, etc.).

RATIONALE: We are seeking willing and enthusiastic participants who are attracted to this Training curriculum as a resource to help their parish move into greater life and health. This is not a program that will be “imposed” from on high, but a partnership in full agreement with the leadership and the clergy of each congregation. *The greater the unity the greater the success.*

Each Church commits to fully attend all training sessions.

RATIONALE: Participation in all training sessions is not optional. The success of the Training curriculum is based on the training. The dates, locations, and times will all be set so you can participate. This must be a priority for all involved for it to succeed. Attendance is simply a basic requirement.

Each Church commits to fully implement the Training curriculum in the congregation.

RATIONALE: The training sessions will be followed up with practical applications for your church. We are committed to helping you implement what is learned with mentoring and accountability. The Training curriculum is intentionally phased over a two-year period to allow the new skills and training ample time to be incorporated into the life of the church.

Each Church commits to completing the Training curriculum.

RATIONALE: We believe it will take a full two years to benefit from this Training curriculum. Those selected must commit to hanging in there until completion, realizing that the seed that is sown in the beginning needs to be fertilized, watered and cultivated in order to bear fruit.

Each Church commits to helping develop the follow-up curriculum.

RATIONALE: This Training curriculum is of enormous interest to many others facing a similar challenge. We view all participants as “partners” in a faith based initiative that can be of great value to churches all over the country. As a participant your insights, observations, feedback and experience will be asked for as we move forward in developing a useful program for others to benefit from our learning.