

True North Cohort 2010:

In the beginning of 2008, the New Jersey District Council partnered together with *Church Life Resources*. This was initiated to help pastors and churches become healthy and fruitful. Six times a year, pastors and church leaders drove to the New Jersey District Ministry Resource Center, some staying overnight in hotels, for two days of teaching/equipping. This was repeated again in 2009. Many churches will never be the same again because of Dr.'s Wayne and Sherry Lee.

In 2010, instead of pastors and leaders coming to the District Ministry Resource Center, we are now bringing the teaching, speakers and leaders to you. Instead of two days, we will take just one day, six times a year in your part of the state of New Jersey. You will be equipped, encouraged, and sharpened for the church, ministry and life entrusted to your care.

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” Proverbs 27:17 NLT

We will be covering six critical areas for healthy, holy churches and church leaders. Like systems in your body (nervous, respiratory, etc.), all six need to be healthy. If one or more systems are not working, you have sickness, disease or even death. Those systems are:

- Leadership – Leadership and Vision/Mission
- Worship Services – Spiritual Life, Preaching/Teaching and Worship
- Spiritual Community – Assimilation, Care/Fellowship and Small Groups
- Ministries – Ministries and Discipleship
- Outreach – Evangelism, Missions and Public Relations
- Management (Administration) – Decision Making, Finances and Facilities

God created our bodies with a structure. Without that structure (skeletal system), everything in our bodies would fall to the floor. The same thing happens to churches. The above systems are a structure for healthy, holy churches. A structure is how something is organized. Some structures cause growth. Some structures prevent growth. (No structure is a structure.) Some churches now structure and hire staff with the above in mind.

“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace...But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.” 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 NIV

We are calling these times together *True North Cohort 2010*. The below dates are to help you plan for 2010. This is for pastors, staff and other leaders in your church. We want to come alongside you, equip, sharpen, add value to you and the church entrusted to your care. This is our time in New Jersey. You have been placed in leadership for such a time as this for this generation. We hope to see you at these very strategic and holy times. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Reitzel (njdcexecsec@njag.org; 609.747.7878 x202).

Northern Dates

-February 1
-April 19
-May 24
-July 19
-September 13
-November 1

Central Dates

-February 2
-April 20
-May 25
-July 20
-September 14
-November 16

Southern Dates

-February 4
-April 22
-May 27
-July 22
-September 16
-December 2