



HEALTHY CHURCH NETWORK

YOUR INVITATION

This is your invitation to join THE HEALTHY CHURCH NETWORK (HCN) for 2017.

If you are committed to life long learning and congregational health, I'm inviting you to join a group of Pastors that have the same commitment. At HCN we are praying, working, and encouraging each other to achieve what God has put in our hearts: to be healthy leaders, leading healthy churches, that are reaching our region for Christ.

Mutual accountability and encouragement are two key ingredients to personal and ministry growth. As I meet with busy pastors I see two common tendencies: First, the tendency to settle into our default position (we do the same things over and over that we're familiar with); Second, the tendency to not know what we need to do to experience the healthy growth we dream of. This is why accountability and encouragement are so important.

One of the fears we have as leaders is that someone will discover we don't have it all figured out! We all have these fears and insecurities. That's why we need to connect with each other. We've all been there.

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Connecting with other leaders that are on the same journey can be a powerful learning and motivating experience.

CHANGES FOR 2017

We continue to make improvements to HCN based on the feedback we receive. This year there will be fewer topics so that more focused learning and implementation can take place.

We're also adding four online learning sessions that will enable us to introduce new presenters to the entire HCN group.

In 2017 we will focus on three personal growth topics and four ministry growth topics:

PERSONAL GROWTH:

- **Getting Organized:** One of the biggest culprits to an unhealthy work/life balance is a disorganized and cluttered life. We all need to de-clutter our lives from time to time. You'll identify what's cluttering your life, what needs to "go," how to get the right stuff done, and why having a fixed schedule will reduce your stress and free up time.
- **Attitude and Energy Management:** To lead well, you must manage your attitude and your energy. People are not inspired by tired leaders. Passionate people inspire others. We'll find some practical steps every leader needs to take to manage both their attitudes and their energy.
- **Spiritual Passion:** We need to be leaders that are ignited by passion for Christ and His mission in the world. At HCN we are going to challenge and hold each other accountable for our spiritual practices of prayer, scripture reading, fasting, and keeping a Sabbath day of rest.

MINISTRY GROWTH:

- **Spirit-Empowered Ministry:** What does Spirit-Empowered ministry look like in 2017? In our time-conscious, sceptical, unchurched culture, how can we be led



by the Holy Spirit in our services? How can we minister to people and see them filled with the Spirit? Leading a congregation requires more than good skills, it requires the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to be at work among us. We'll wrestle with these questions and challenge one another to step outside our comfort zones.

- **Volunteer and Leader Development:** How can you increase the number of volunteers and develop leaders in your church? Healthy growth *requires* the development of leaders in the church. The complaint I hear most often is "we don't have enough volunteers." We'll identify the obstacles to getting volunteers and look at effective practices for recruiting and inspiring volunteers, and how to develop them into leaders in the church.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Stewardship is a discipleship issue. What would happen if your church increased it's giving by 5%, 10% or 20%? How can you lead your church towards generosity? We'll learn practical steps you can take to lead your church towards faithful financial stewardship.
- **Discipleship and Small Groups:** Can you identify a clear path for discipleship in your church that helps a person grow from "new believer" to "fully devoted follower?" What does an effective discipleship pathway look like? We'll learn principles for effective discipleship and explore several models that can help you implement a life transforming discipleship pathway in your church.

ONE YEAR COMMITMENT

HCN is a one year commitment and costs \$40 for each meeting. This covers your handouts, books, guest honorariums, and lunch.

We've learned that it works best to join at the beginning of the year rather than part way through. **Join us for the first meeting and see what it's all about, then make your decision to commit for the year.**

In 2017 there will be five group meetings and four online meetings

- Each group meeting runs from 10 am to 3 pm
- Each online meeting will be one to two hours in length



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JANUARY IS THE ONLY TIME TO JOIN

The first group meetings in 2017 are:

Tues. January 17	Bridgewater, NS	(New Life)
Wed. January 18	Halifax, NS	(Mosaic)
Tues. January 24	Bouctouche, NB	(Église de la Grâce)
Wed. January 25	Fredericton, NB	(Evangel)

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Check out the HCN 2017 AGREEMENT at
www.maritimepaoc.org/healthychurchnetwork

If you're coming in January or have any questions, please email
me, Kevin Johnson, at kjohnson@maritimepaoc.org

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TENTATIVE 2017 HCN SCHEDULE

JANUARY	GETTING ORGANIZED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing priorities & a fixed schedule• Yearly Preaching Calendar
FEBRUARY	ATTITUDE & ENERGY MANAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Online Guest Presenter</i>
MARCH	VOLUNTEER & LEADER DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to create a Volunteer System• Identifying and developing leaders
APRIL	SPIRIT-EMPOWERED MINISTRY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Online Guest Presenter</i>
MAY	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preaching / teaching on finances• Five Big Rocks to increased generosity
JUNE	SPIRITUAL PASSION & PRACTICES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Online Guest Presenter</i>
SEPTEMBER	DISCIPLESHIP & SMALL GROUPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating a discipleship pathway• How to run small groups that work
OCTOBER	<i>ONLINE GUEST PRESENTER</i>
NOVEMBER	GET ORGANIZED FOR 2018