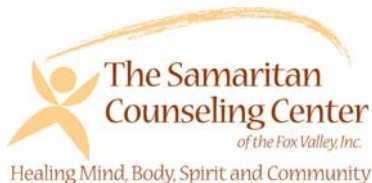


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Dear Pastor,

The Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley and the American Foundation of Counseling Services in Green Bay announce the ninth annual Pastor Leadership Seminar for all area clergy. The goal of the seminar is to improve leadership skills for today's pastors and associates.

Clergy present case studies of difficult situations in their churches which require their leadership. Participants then receive peer feedback for fresh perspectives. A book on pastoral leadership is read and discussed over the course of the seminar. Some of the books used in previous seminars include: *The Once and Future Pastor*, *The Learning Congregation*, *Healthy Congregations*, *Not Trying Too Hard*, *Becoming Barnabas*, *Memories, Hopes and Conversations*, and *God's Companions*.

The agenda for the group is determined by the subjects presented in each pastor's case study. Some possible topics might include:

- How do I bring out the best in my congregation and deal with difficult members at the same time?
- How might I adapt my leadership style as the congregation's size changes?
- What are some effective ways of resolving conflict without becoming part of the problem?
- How do I balance my pastoral and administrative duties without becoming discouraged?
- How can I make the most of my strengths and accept my limitations as a person/pastor?
- How do I deal with my emotions when ministering in tragic situations?
- How do I develop cooperative leadership strategies with my co-pastor?
- What do I do when I am leading but few are following?
- How do I survive in a system that is consuming me?

We are offering two sessions this year. Each will make use of case studies.

Strategic Leadership for Congregations:

Preparing You and Your Congregation for Meaningful
Strategic Planning
2nd Tuesdays Sept-May
11:30-2:30 (working lunch)
Green Bay

Leadership Styles for Your Congregation:

Developing Pastoral Leadership Skills for the Unique
Challenges and Opportunities of Your Congregation
3rd Thursdays Oct-June
1:30-4:30
Fox Cities

Cost is \$350.00 for nine sessions (sliding fee is available).

We have received very positive feedback from the participants of our seminars. We have a group of previous participants from the Fox Valley and the greater Green Bay area who have agreed to be references for the program. We are glad to make the list available upon request.

If a group of six or more from a specific community or denomination registered together we would be able to design a customized group for you. We truly look forward to joining you on this fresh approach to expanding your leadership skills. Please call or email either one of us so we can answer any questions.

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