

**TRIAD WORKSHOP:** Using concepts from “Cultivating a Life for God” by Neil Cole, the workshop is experienced based with the participants working the through the triad model with opportunities for interaction and discussion.

**CHURCH LIFE CYCLES:** Using a DVD by Dr. Paul Borden, who has led another conservative, biblical, but not Lutheran region (which basically conforms to the CNH District in geography) into a growth pattern over the past 10 years, the participants have an opportunity to reflect and discuss congregational health. The concepts include: “Why do you do what you do?”, “Are we healthy or are we dying?” What are the priorities of Vision, Relationships, Ministries, and structure in the congregation?

**NCD: NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:** This instrument surveys 30 active members of a congregation and then focuses the congregation on the minimum factor which tends to limit the congregation’s effectiveness. Research supports that when all of the factors are in a positive range, growth is consistent in all the congregations surveyed. The NCD is available online through the District Website.

**THE FORGOTTEN WAYS:** Using “The Forgotten Ways” by Alan Hirsch, the group focuses on the changing world in which they live and the call to looking at our approaches that seem not to be working. Hirsch goes back to the early church to focus on strategies that have been “forgotten” over the years. This is a challenging...in-your-face setting, where the group is challenged to rethink some of it’s assumptions and perhaps take some bold new steps in proclaiming the Gospel. This is not for the faint of heart.

**PERCEPT: LINK TO LEAD:** This interactive demographic tool allows your congregation to access relatable demographic information for ZIP codes involving your church. Not only does it provide meaningful demographic information, but it also provides a learning process for up to 20 participants from your congregation. A retreat outline is also provided. This is available through the District Website and is prepaid through the District.

**THE MISSION HEART:** Ted (MC) and Marty Hartman spent 10 days in India last October and a experienced the “Mission Heart” in action, not only in themselves, but in the participants of an evangelical Christian church that has grown to between 1.2 and 1.5 million over the past 15 years. Most of the growth has come from Hindu and Muslim converts. What is going on that causes people to follow Jesus when it might cost them their jobs, their social standings, or even their lives? This workshop includes interaction and reflections of others who have gone on “mission trips.” What does God have in mind for us and our church.