

The Gathering

What is the Gathering?

This event will be a gathering of ChurchSmart Resources' authors and trainers who are committed to helping church leaders in the areas of church planting, church health and leadership development. Eight tracks of training will be offered so you will have many diverse topics you can explore.

This will be a gathering of district/state/regional/national denominational leaders and pastors serving with them who are committed to learning together how we can accomplish the work of the Kingdom entrusted to us by Jesus.

This will be a gathering of ministry teams, resources, ideas, teaching, fellowship, networking, worship and celebration to renew your soul and enhance your vision.

Why this Gathering?

We conducted a Gathering in January 2006 and we have had countless requests that we repeat that event or something similar so others can experience the blessing that touched many leaders' lives at that event. We have asked our authors to give their time as a gift to you so we can hold the costs down and bring together a dynamic group of practitioners. These presenters are all church planters, pastors and denominational leaders who minister in the same world you do, so they understand and know the challenges you face in ministry today. They want to share with you every good idea, concept or principle that they have found effective in their ministries so you will be encouraged and more effective in your ministries.

Will you join us?

November 12-14, 2008 we will gather in Largo, FL (just west of Tampa). Participants can choose from eight great tracks offering practical learning (see next page). You get to pick a different track for each day of the conference. Bring your team and stay a few extra days to strategize together. Space can be reserved at the church for your team to meet together after the conference.

What will it cost?

Just \$150 reserves your seat, covers lunch, snacks and books or assessments related to your chosen tracks. Space is limited, so register today!

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Church Health Track – This track will offer you a great opportunity to assess the Natural Church Development (NCD) process and determine if these church health principles are a good fit for the churches you serve. You will be informed and inspired, but more importantly, you will be equipped to help your churches take intentional steps towards health in the days ahead.

Church Planting Track – Fresh ideas will be introduced on how to know God, love others and grow the Kingdom. This track will stretch you to think about the church and our culture in new ways. Learn how to reach people effectively, cultivate true followers of Jesus, multiply leaders and watch the church develop in a natural organic way.

Leading Turnaround Churches Track – Gene Wood has led four different size churches in four different states through turnaround over the course of 25+ years of ministry. He is a practitioner who has navigated the treacherous waters of turnaround and has shared the principles he's discovered with thousands of church leaders over the past five years.

Leadership Development Track – Paul Ford is a Birkman consultant and developer of numerous assessment tools. Using *Your Leadership Grip* and the Birkman process he will help leaders better understand their personality strengths, spiritual gifting, team style and primary functions of stewardship. Learn to be who you already are!

Leadership Impact Track – Terry Walling has been helping leaders discover God's purpose for their lives for over a decade. He has helped many leaders gain perspective by understanding their past, embracing their personal calling and then becoming intentional in gathering the right people around them.

Spiritual Leadership Formation Track – Jim VanYperen will help you understand what it means to be a called out, called together community that takes bold steps to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Small Churches, Big Impact Track – The majority of churches in America average under one-hundred in weekly attendance. Martin Giese understands the unique characteristics and leadership needs in the small church ministry environment.

Church Life and Practical Ministry Issues Track – Every church faces the reality of just getting certain ministry tasks accomplished and finding the right leaders for those tasks. Topics will include elder boards, small groups and evangelism.