

## **Maximum Health through Church Enrichment**

Church Enrichment is a spiritual discovery process that brings revitalization, refocusing, and renewed energy to a local church. Church leaders align themselves, their ministries, and the church as a whole with the sovereign purposes of God through this guided process. As Henry Blackaby teaches in his “Experiencing God” material, God is always at work, if we can find where that is and join him there, we will have front row seats to the miracles he wants us to experience. The enrichment resources assist a church in this discovery process.

Maximum spiritual health and effectiveness is more than just gifted people working hard and using appropriate materials. It is about God through His Spirit having his way within the ministry that he has entrusted to us. Jesus taught in John 15 that the mark of a disciple is bearing much fruit that will last for eternity. This requires a ministry that is healthy enough to reproduce new life through personal and corporate evangelism, beginning new small groups, beginning new segment ministries and ultimately reproducing new churches that will in turn repeat the process.

To be able to discern God’s preferred future for a congregation necessitates getting the data required to evaluate current strengths and weaknesses, and then dreaming a God sized dream as the church mission, vision, and core values are brought into alignment with the resources and opportunities found within the church and community. This process is normally begun by utilizing the **Natural Church Development** survey along with the **NAB Church Enrichment Self-Assessment** tool. This data provides a starting point for the church to begin to strategize moving into a new phase of ministry effectiveness.

As your Regional Minister Staff, we have been trained to use these tools to partner with your leadership team and assist you to evaluate current health and then plan strategically to move toward maximum ministry effectiveness. Using a variety of resources that can be uniquely personalized for each local church, we seek to discern which of the 8 NCD health indicators would be most vital for us to address, as well as looking at wherever the ministry program balance may need adjusting so that outreach, discipleship, ministry training, and leadership multiplication are all happening effectively together.

Often the best way to launch this intentional self-assessment initiative is by setting aside a weekend for interviews, leadership training, and vision casting. This launch event is then followed up with regular check points with additional coaching for effective implementation. Just as regular checkups and training are helpful to maintaining physical health, the **NAB/ABA Church Enrichment Resources** are tools that as your Regional Minister Staff, we can bring to you to assist you and your church to move toward its

maximum spiritual health and ministry effectiveness. Give us a call for more details and to schedule a launch date for us to partner with you in this strategic way. Jesus promised to build his church—we want to stand with you and partner with Him toward that end.

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