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Program Overview

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re:Vitality systematically addresses congregational vitality to determine a congregation’s stage of vitality and the most effective ways to preserve, increase, or restore it through a three-part approach:



“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”
(1 COR. 3:5-9 ESV)



🕒 Objective, Consistent Self-Assessment

The needs and circumstances of congregations vary. *re:Vitality* guides the congregation through a self-assessment process to objectively answer the question “Where are we, really?” It is initiated by the congregation, and the results are confidential to the congregation. The self-assessment provides a baseline toward increasing the reach of Word and Sacrament through existing and new ministries.

⚙️ Action-Oriented Training

re:Vitality provides action-oriented training for the congregation, based on its assessed stage of vitality. Training modules are deployed based on the needs of the congregation and on actions likely to provide the greatest benefit. Each training module makes use of current training technology and adult learning methods in a five-part approach:

- MULTIMEDIA INSTRUCTION
- ADULT LEARNING ACTIVITIES
- EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
- PROMPTED JOURNALING
- STRATEGIC COACHING

Recognizing that the best training is of little value if it is cost-prohibitive, *re:Vitality* training resources are provided at little to no cost to the congregation.

💬 Equipping God’s People for Outreach-Integrated Witness

In outreach-integrated witness, members of the congregation embrace their call to be witnesses of Christ to people in their everyday lives, and the congregation systematically incorporates those who respond into Word and Sacrament ministry. It combines a relational approach to sharing God’s Word with people built on the LASSIE* approach for witnessing, with the *Connect To Disciple* program for improving the effectiveness of congregational outreach by intentionally creating connections, building relationships and making disciples.

* Stands for Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage, which is the witnessing approach of the *Every One His Witness* evangelism program.

