

Summer, Fall 2013 Synod –Sponsored Workshops:

July 20	WS 1	Cuero
July 27	WS 1	McAllen
Aug. 24	WS 1	Corpus Christi
Sept. 7	WS 1, 2, 3	San Marcos
Sept 28	WS 1	San Antonio, Rio Grand Valley
	WS 1, 3	Austin
Oct. 3	WS 1	Blue Bonnet Conf.
TBD	WS 1	Hill Country Conf.

**Trained Facilitators**

*The synod has invested in training facilitators around the synod to facilitate workshops. You may contact the synod office or one of the trainers directly to arrange a workshop near you*

- Pr. Jaime Bouzard, San Marcos
- Pr. Sue Briner, Seguin
- Pr. Greg Gaskamp, Leander
- Pr. Tom Glasoe, San Marcos
- Pr Jennifer Gold, San Antonio
- Pr. Denise Grant, Edinburg
- Pr Patsy Koeneke, Corpus Christi
- Pr. Lori Ruge-Jones, Buda
- Pr. Bill Swantner, San Antonio
- Pr. Harold Vanicek, Marble Falls

**What is the cost?**

Normally, workshops cost \$200 plus the cost of the materials, facilitator mileage and lunch.

Synod-sponsored workshops are \$20 per person for the hosting congregation to cover the cost of materials, lunch and to offset facilitator travel costs. Cost for those not members of the hosting congregation is \$25.

Payments must be made with registration. Synod-sponsored events will include online registration at [www.swtsynod.org](http://www.swtsynod.org).

**Other Workshops Available:**

- Relationships In A Healthy Congregation
- Healthy Congregations Develop Generous People
- The Spiritual Care of Healthy Congregations

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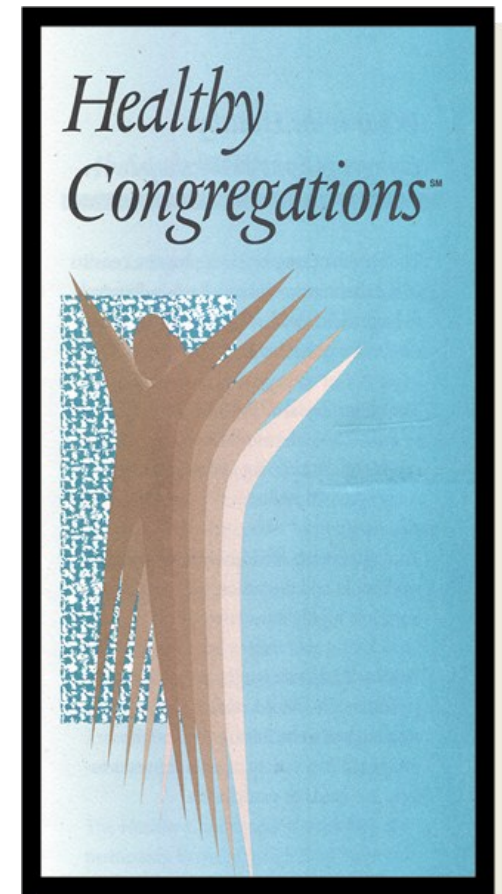
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# HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

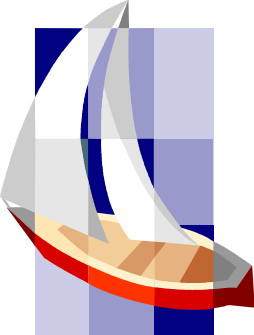
A series of workshops designed to give leaders the tools they need for mission-focused leadership



<http://www.healthycongregations.com/>

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**Where is your congregation headed?**

## Workshops

With breaks, meals and conversation, each workshop lasts about six hours.

Workshops 1-3 build on one another and are taken in sequence 3-6 months apart.

Pastors, Councils, call committees, church staff and other church leaders should attend.

Leaders from multiple congregations at a single workshop strengthen the learning.

Workshops are interactive and learner centered. Creative teaching techniques include videos, group projects, case study, practical exercises, large and small group discussion.

### Workshop #1

#### *Creating Healthy Congregations*

- Introduces Systems Thinking as a way to understand your congregation
- Equips leaders to value differences, focus on strengths and mission.
- Leaders will begin to develop and refine their mission and vision for the future.

### Workshop #2

#### *Healthy Congregations Respond to Anxiety and Change*

- Equips leaders to respond to anxiety and change rather than react to it.
- Equips leaders to manage conflict effectively rather than avoid it.
- Equips leaders to act flexibly and creatively.

### Workshop #3

#### *Leadership in Healthy Congregations*

- Equips leaders to promote health through their presence and functioning
- Equips leaders to challenge people
- Equips leaders to build resilience in their congregation for the sake of mission.

**These workshops enable leaders to:**

- Gain a renewed sense of mission and vision
- Cultivate strong leadership capacities to challenge the congregation
- Learn how to develop healthy patterns of living together in community
- Learn to focus on strengths, resources and options for the future
- Boost confidence in responding to challenges and opportunities
- Learn how to lead calmly and with thoughtfulness
- Reflect theologically about relationships
- Move the congregation toward even healthier functioning



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Doing mission!**