



Levels 1-4 Training Outline
North River Community Church, Pembroke, MA
January 29-31, 2018
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day

Day 1 – Oct 2 - Level 1 Training, Dr. John Ewart

Includes approximately 140 *PowerPoint slides other handouts, and at least one case study

Part 1 Introductory topics for Levels 1-4

1. Changes in American culture
2. The State of the American church
3. Definition of church consulting
4. Healthy Church Model
5. Guiding a church toward evangelism
6. Principles for making disciples
7. Leading a church through change
8. Handling church conflict
9. Getting started with prayer!
10. Consulting code of ethics

Part 2 Specific processes in church consultations

1. Church consultation process
2. Conducting interviews
3. Winning strategies for consulting
4. Introduction to The Church Health Survey™

Day 2 – Oct 3 - Level 2 Training, Dr. John Ewart

Includes approximately 135 *PowerPoint slides, other handouts and at least one case study

Part 1 A New “Normal”: A Process for Ongoing Church Health and/or Revitalization

Five Phases of a never ending spiral to fulfill church Mission

Mission and Church Life Cycle Introduction

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| 1. Assessment | How are we doing as a church? |
| 2. Identification | This is who and where we really are. |
| 3. Vision Development | A vision where activity is driven by biblical purpose |
| 4. Adjustment | Changes needed |
| 5. Implementation | Setting expectations and ongoing assessment |

Day 2 Part 2 Areas of a Comprehensive Consultation

- A. Finances
- B. Planning/goal setting
- C. Growth barriers
- D. Outreach/evangelistic approaches
- E. Community analysis
- F. Church culture analysis
- G. Assimilation effectiveness
- H. Perceptions/attitudes
- I. Data & statistical analysis
- J. Small groups/Sunday school
- K. Worship issues
- L. Leadership effectiveness
- M. Prayer emphasis
- N. Missions
- O. Personnel issues
- P. Programming/ministries analysis
- Q. Facilities analysis
- R. Denominational issues
- S. Ministry/staff alignment

Day 3 – Oct 4 – Levels 3-4 Training, Jim Barber

Includes approximately 200 *PowerPoint slides, other handouts and two case studies

- Part 1 Society for Church Consulting Overview: Level 5 and Certification
- Part 2 Consulting Concepts Introduction
 - Conceptual Framework and Ecclesiology
 - Days 1+2 John Ewart: List of conceptual framework concepts
- Part 3 Other topical parts of a conceptual framework and ecclesiology for consulting
 - A. Assimilation
 - B. Groups and S. School
 - C. Volunteer Mobilization
 - D. Intro to Leadership Development
 - E. Right-sizing governance
 - F. Developing a philosophy of growth
- Part 4 How to Conduct a Sequential Church Health Assessment in 15 weeks with case study
- Part 5 How to Conduct Sequential Facilitated Strategic Planning in 6 months with case study
- Part 6 How to Launch a Church Consulting Practice – *The Church Consulting Starter Kit*
- General Q&A and Evaluation Forms for Days 1-3

**Note: We are pleased to give you our actual PowerPoint files for your use in ministry and consulting. However, please direct others that would like these files to come to the Society for training.*

Society Trainer Bios



Dr. John Ewart – Days 1 and 2

Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Board member and trainer for the Society for Church Consulting

Doctor of Missiology: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The following is just a sampling of John's current role at Southeastern Seminary: The Center for Great Commission Studies (Missions Center); Global educational partnerships including international seminary faculty development; Director, The Center for Pastoral Leadership and Preaching; and, Associate Professor of Missions and Pastoral Leadership

John previously taught at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has previous pastoral leadership experience and extensive experience with church planting. He is president and founder of R.E.A.C.H. Worldwide Ministries and has consulted hundreds of churches. He formerly served as Senior Vice President and Senior Consultant, The Rainer Group prior to Dr. Rainer going to LifeWay. Look for John's upcoming book, *A New Normal: Five Phases for Church Health*.

Jim Barber – Day 3

President, Society for Church Consulting
Certified Church Consultant and President, Barber Church Consulting

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Bethel Theological Seminary
Master of Business Administration, Minnesota State University

Jim has served with the Society since 2010, becoming president in early 2016. He developed online training in 2016. He has coached hundreds of aspiring consultants from across the U.S. and internationally as they seek to pursue their consulting goals. In early 2017, he developed a *Consulting Starter Kit* which provides detailed guidance in the launch of a consulting practice. He is also a blogger on churchcentral.com.



Jim launched his consulting practice in 2010, after voluntarily consulting for seven years as part of his ministry. He actively conducts health assessments, facilitates strategic ministry planning, and assists with governance transitions. He has served many evangelical denominations and independent churches.

Prior to 2010, Jim was on the board and then the staff of an Evangelical Free Church that grew from 200 to 1400 during his 18-year leadership tenure. While on the Sr. Staff of his church from 2005-2011, he co-founded and served as president of BridgeLink, an affiliated community involvement nonprofit. Prior to his call to ministry, he worked in corporate accounting management for 17 years.