



## Building Home Centered— Church Supported Congregations

### Family Friendly Partners are congregations that...

- Partner with homes to strengthen and pass on faith in Jesus Christ.
- Deliberately train parents to partner with the church in faith and family formation to the third and fourth generation.
- Develop strong Christ centered marriages.
- Build strong Christian homes that produce off-spring that stick with Christ until they reach their home in heaven.

### The Family Friendly Network of churches...

- Host each other for workshops
- Share ideas and programs
- Partner in delivering programs that meet common needs
- Support and encourage each other to stay the course
- Hold each other accountable

### The Family Friendly Partners Network

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### Mission

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trains and equips clusters of congregations to become intentional Christian family forming centers. These churches desire to invest resources in a three-year process to become partners with Christian marriages and homes to deliberately pass on faith in Jesus Christ to the next generation. They receive training and coaching through a series of nine workshops. Congregations with or without a Christian Day School or Pre-school are active network participants.

## The Process

Over the course of two to three years, partner church leaders gather nine times to be trained to lead a process to move their congregations toward a Family Friendly Church. They will explore topics of marriage, parent education, human sexuality, resource management, step parenting, single parent ministry and training parents in faith formation. In the end, a church will include in its mission, program and structure a church wide passion, knowledge, and resources for building strong Christian homes and marriages.

### **Event One: The Organizational Meeting**

What is Family Ministry?

### **Event Two: Making the Paradigm Shift**

Leaders are trained in making the paradigm shift from "Church Centered Home Supported" to "Home Centered Church Supported".

### **Events Three and Four: Assessing Family Needs**

Two training events to learn how to implement the assessment tool, process the data and program to meet felt and ascribed needs.

### **Event Five: Parents as "Faithshapers"**

Developing a family friendly programming lens

### **Event Six: Marriage Ministry**

Training in Pre Marriage & Post Marriage Ministry

### **Event Seven: Parenting through the Life Span**

Training in Parent Education ministry

### **Event Eight: Human Sexuality and Resource Management**

Training for Sex Education & Resource Management

### **Event Nine: Non Nuclear Families**

Training in step and single mom ministries



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