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EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

CATCHING THE WINDS OF GOD'S POWER
IN
DEVELOPING DISCIPLING RELATIONSHIPS

Dear EC Pastors and Church Leaders,

The winds of spiritual revival continue to blow within the EC Church.

Over seven of our EC Churches have set their spiritual sails in the direction of catching the winds of God's power enabling them to engage *fully* in the discipleship process. Other churches are expressing an interest in developing *discipling* relationships and the *first cluster* of pastors is planning to meet with Steve Gilmore, (Navigator's Area Director) for personal discipling and coaching in the implementation of intentional disciple making in their churches.

Developing authentic spiritual relationships in the context of one-to-one, or groups of 3-5 persons is the *backbone* of a disciple making church. This is seen in the loving relationships cultivated among the early believers (Acts 2: 42-47; 4:32-35; 5:12-16). Their favor with God flourished mostly from His delight in the depth of their loving fellowship. Dynamic prayer followed dynamic relationships as these early believers *prayed best with those they loved most*. It is no coincidence that the winds of reviving discipleship and prayer are blowing simultaneously across our denomination (see note at bottom of page).

Can you imagine the joy of initiating this kind of relational experience in your church?

Read the *exciting* testimony of how a **Discipling Others Seminar** enabled Ryan Taylor (Associate Pastor of Lititz Trinity) to initiate discipling relationships in his church (see enclosure).

If your church is not involved in intentional discipleship, may you consider **attending** a Navigator's 2007 Discipling Others Seminar (for details check the DOS materials sent to your church) as well as **inviting** your potential disciple makers to participate in the seminar.

As a pastor, if you desire to join the first cluster of pastors for personal discipling and coaching in implementing intentional disciple making in your church and you live within or close to the Berks District or Reading area, call Pastor Price (Mohnton Zion EC Church) at 610-777-5601 for details regarding the date and place of the monthly afternoon meeting (1-3 p.m.) for March.

For the benefit of God's People!

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Note: May I encourage you and your church to participate in one of the EC 2007 Prayer Gatherings. You will be highly motivated and inspired to call your people to the revitalization of corporate prayer across the denomination.