



*Rev. Karl Vaters*

"I started **New Small Church** because I got tired of looking for books, seminars, websites, anything that would address what it was like being the pastor of a Small Church.

I've read all the pastoral ministry books and attended all the seminars, just like you. And I've found great help from many of them.

But, after a while, I started getting frustrated with the books and seminars because all the "can't miss" principles for growing my church ... did miss. My church stayed small. But it was (and is) a good church. And I was (and hopefully still am) a good pastor.

So I started asking myself some questions about Small Church ministry:

"Why didn't anyone tell me it would be like this?"

"Why can't I find help to understand how to do that?"

"Why does it feel like I'm on my own, learning by trial-and-error most of the time?"

I wrote the book for you that I wanted someone to write for me. That book is *The Grasshopper Myth* and then *Small Church Essentials*.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN MARYSVILLE, OH 43040

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Karl's heart is to help pastors of small churches (up to 90% of churches) find the resources to pastor their current church well, and to capitalize on the unique advantages that come with pastoring a small church – something virtually every pastor will spend at least some of their ministry years doing.

He also believes that big and small churches can and should work together more often – to the benefit of each. Karl has been in pastoral ministry for over 30 years.

He is the teaching pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, a healthy small church in Orange County, California, where he has ministered for over 25 years.



Friday, March 27, 2020  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

and

Saturday, March 28, 2020  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

at

First United Methodist Church  
207 S. Court St.  
Marysville, OH 43040

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West Ohio United Methodist  
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### Sessions:

- Redefining Success in Ministry  
(Friday Evening)
- Thinking Like a Great Small Church
  - A New Way to Look at Vision-Casting
- Becoming a Healthy Church, No Matter Your Size
  - Finding and Mentoring Volunteers in Today's Small Church

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### Attendees will:

- Be affirmed in the value of their church and their ministry – no matter what size it is
- Have a better understanding of how healthy small churches function
- Be better equipped to understand your church's unique gifts, personality and calling
- Have tools to help church leaders assess your church's current weaknesses and leverage your strengths for greater effectiveness



### A Large Conference for the Smaller Church

*The majority of churches in the West Ohio Conference are smaller congregations. We are excited to bring you this training to focus on the value and potential of ministry in our smaller churches*

- With churches, bigger is not always equal to healthier, and we need to focus more on health than size.
- Church health should be measured in three big buckets: fulfilling the Great Commission, fulfilling the Great Commandment, and equipping the saints to do the work of ministry.
- Church health is not the means to an end. It is the goal itself.
- Pastors of small churches are just as valuable in the Kingdom of God as those who pastor large churches.

### Cost:

The cost is \$25/person for both days, with a maximum cost of \$50/church, no matter how many people attend.

Each reservation (individual or group) will receive a copy of Karl's book *Small Church Essentials*.

Rev. Karen Montgomery is the contact for questions around this event, 513-255-2232  
[pastorkarennlumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkarennlumc@gmail.com)

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### ***Small Church Essentials Conference*** Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Registration for one individual:\$25

\_\_\_\_\_One payment for multiple people from the same congregation: \$50 total (Please send in a separate registration for each person who will be attending from your congregation with your payment.)

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 23, 2020**

Send payment to:  
Capitol Area North District  
32 Wesley Blvd., Suite 100,  
Worthington OH 43085

You may also register online at  
[www.capitolarenorth.org](http://www.capitolarenorth.org).