

VITALITY: LIFE, PASSION, AWAKENING

NLECC's Monthly Vitality Pathway Update

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Written by Amy Gronli

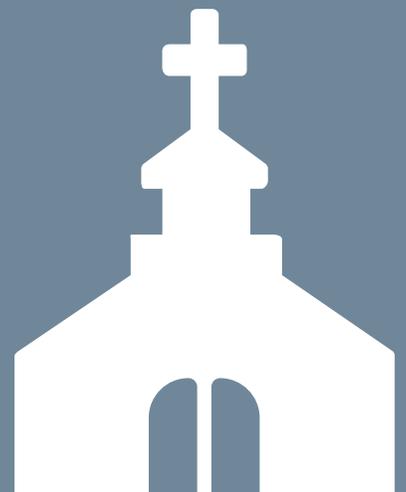
The well-attended Veritas workshop held at NLECC on January 12 was the first step for our congregational family to take on the Vitality pathway, but might have left people wondering, "What's next?" The next step in the Vitality Pathway was to assemble a Vitality Team to guide NLECC's congregation through this process of self-reflection, growth, and change. has several milestones along the way, and the first major task is to assemble a Vitality Team. Joyfully, at the February Council Meeting, the nominated Vitality Team was approved by the Council Members. In this newsletter, the members and functions of the team will be introduced.

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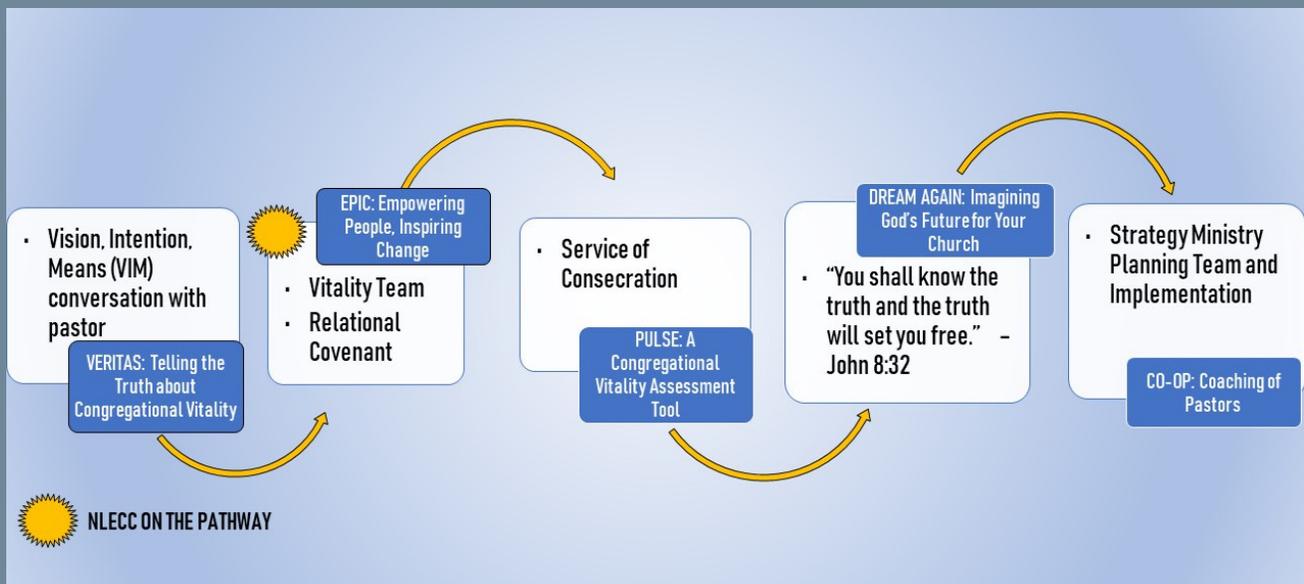
FUNCTIONS

- Evaluate the Veritas experience
- Establish a process of pervasive prayer
- Initiate the relational covenant
- Communicate between the Vitality Team, Council, and Congregation
- Find your Biblical story
- Clarify mission
- Learn from history: what informs our future?
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MEMBERS

- **Barry Lynch:** Clarify mission
- **Mike McCain:** Establish a process of pervasive prayer
- **Sara Barber:** Develop an external profile
- **Melissa Christiansen:** Communicate between the Vitality Team, Council, and Congregation
- **Mike Erickson:** Find your Biblical Story
- **Jeff Koehler:** Initiate the relational covenant & Liaison to the Church Council
- **Pastor Kevin Melin:** Learning from history & Liaison to the Elder Board

VITALITY PATHWAY



What is "Vitality?"

Written by Melissa Christiansen

Vitality, by definition, is the power or ability to continue in existence, live or grow. As a congregation we are on a path of revitalizing. What an incredible opportunity to work together as believers of God to work toward the same goal. Much like we as individuals seek to grow on a regular basis through prayer, fitness, dieting, reading, etc, growth as a congregation is just as important. The Vitality Team wants to emphasize the importance of revitalizing and reassure that it is indeed a good thing.

So how do we do that? As a body of Christ, this is something that we must do together. In our first meeting of the Vitality team, we discussed VIM: Vision, Intention and Means. **Vision** gives us a picture of God's future, it gets people in the game, gives them a target and helps dreams take shape. **Intention** is the resolve to move forward. It's the will to ask questions and take the necessary steps to live, grow and thrive. And finally, **Means** are the resources that are available to accomplish our vision and follow through on our intentions.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

For the next 4-6 months we are in phase 1 of the Vitality pathway. We are debriefing the Veritas experience, establishing a process of pervasive prayer, initiating the relational covenant, finding our church's biblical story as well as clarifying our church's mission and developing a plan of communication. We ask that you pray for the Vitality Team during this entire process as we work together to fulfill these tasks. The Vitality Team has been assembled as a group that represents the various demographics in our congregation, but we're still relying on your feedback and participation through this process. Vitality can only come about through change and growth on an individual level. We also ask that you pray for our church as we journey together to see what God has next for us as a church body. There are great things on the horizon!