

## General information

**Wednesday, Oct. 21:** registration 8:30 am, seminar 9 am–4 pm; includes one-hour lunch break.

**Thursday, Oct. 22:** seminar 8:30 am–3:30 pm; includes one-hour lunch break.

**Location:** Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St, Madison; 608-262-1122. A map and information on lodging and parking are included with registration confirmation.

**Fee:** \$250 includes instruction, materials, CEU, refreshments, and nonrefundable administrative fee of \$20. Meals and lodging are on your own.

**Registration deadline:** early registration is recommended. All registrations are confirmed in writing; if you do not receive our confirmation, please call 608-262-1397 or 800-725-9692.

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**Credit:** 1.2 Continuing Education Units (CEU) or 12 hours awarded for full participation. Completion reports are available at the end of the second day.

**For more information:** contact Ann Whitaker, Professional Development and Applied Studies, 21 N. Park Street, 7th Floor, Madison, WI 53715-1218; 608-262-4509, 800-442-4617; [awhitaker@dcs.wisc.edu](mailto:awhitaker@dcs.wisc.edu)

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# Visioning and Planning:

## *Holy Conversations About Your Congregation's Future*

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## Registration form

### Visioning and Planning: Holy Conversations About Your Congregation's Future

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Wednesday—Thursday, October 21–22, 2009

Given the fast-changing cultural context for congregations today, it is more important than ever that each congregation have a clear vision for ministry and a plan to implement it. While the call to ministry belongs to the whole congregation, initiation of the vision is the work of the leader, who initiates and frames the conversations about the call for the future. Similarly, the function of strategic or long range planning depends upon the involvement and initiation of the leader. It is the leader who must help the congregation bring together the organizational tools of planning, and the vision and energy for discernment.

This seminar explores the differences between visioning and planning, helps to determine which is needed by the congregation, and explores the role of the leader to prepare for the future.

This seminar helps you to:

- Understand the interrelationship between visioning and planning, and where your congregation must begin
- Explore the responsibility leaders have to shape and energize the ministry of the congregation
- Learn how to build a visioning/planning team and how to keep it connected to the life of the congregation
- Examine the role of leadership in the process of visioning and planning

### Seminar outline (tentative)

#### DAY 1

##### Morning

Defining the Turf: Visioning, Planning,  
Types of Planning  
Visioning as a Structured Conversation  
The Formation Questions

##### Afternoon

Remembering Where We Came From

#### DAY 2

##### Morning

Planning: Making Choices Based on Vision  
The Complete Planning Outline  
What is Data?

##### Afternoon

Developing a Visioning/Planning Team  
Transitioning to Back Home

### Your seminar leader

Gil Rendle is senior consultant with the Institute for Clergy and Congregational Excellence, sponsored by the Texas Methodist Foundation in Austin, Texas. Dr. Rendle is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church with extensive experience in congregational organizational development and seminar leadership. He served as director of consulting and education for the Alban Institute and has written five books, including *Leading Change in the Congregation: Spiritual and Organizational Tools for Leaders*, *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*, and *When Moses Meets Aaron: Staffing and Supervision in Large Congregations*.