

LLC'S WHAT ARE THEY? By Clint Webb

We've heard a lot recently about **L**eadership **L**earning **C**ommunities – they have become an important part of our Region.

Church transformation experts have found that pastors learn best from peer-to-peer learning linked with coaching and mentoring. Learning how to innovate and adopt from the best practices of growing churches is a proven strategy for starting and revitalizing churches. Dr. Charles Revis initiated our mentoring program four years ago and we are seeing the benefits – with new converts, new members, baptisms, and new church plants.

Pastors of growing churches are conveying their experiences and giving their time to teach others. Pastors of similar size congregations share how new approaches to ministry are causing growth and vitality to our changing world and culture.

The reality is – churches today are beginning to realize that if they are not making innovative transitions they will either barely maintain their present strength, or more often than not, will find themselves in decline. Constant change is vital to the life of a healthy church. How well a church is able to make strategic changes often determines the course of a church's future. Our pastors are being retrained to equip their congregations to bring about the needed growth. LLC's are helping pastors actually implement and move toward transformation. They are helping them initiate and shepherd the changes as their church transitions from one generation to another. Many of our churches need to make some practical shifts in outreach, worship, small groups, and children's ministries to effectively minister to the lost that matter to God.

LLCs are sharpening our understanding of church health and show us new opportunities to take Christ into the world