# The Church@50+ Peer Learning Community
*Intentionally Focusing on Empty Nesters and Senior Adults*

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### Strategic Leadership Coach For Peer Learning Community

The Columbia Partnership [TCP] is sponsoring a virtual peer learning community focused on **The Church@50+** for 120 days April 1-July 29, 2014. These are congregations who choose to intentionally focus on Empty Nesters and Senior Adults as the target ages for their congregation. This is not a passive fall back focus, but an intentional proactive focus brought about by demographics, circumstances, or the churching patterns in their geographic area.

The **Purpose** of the learning community is to accelerate the learning of leaders in congregations considering this strategy, initiating this strategy, or seeking to improve this strategy implementation in their congregation so that it might be a vital and vibrant congregation which is a **Church@50+**.

**What?** *The Church@50+* Learning Community

**When?** Tuesday, April 1 through Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

**Who?** Congregations considering this strategy, initiating this strategy, or seeking to improve this strategy implementation.

**How Many?** The learning community will be composed of a minimum of four [4] and a maximum of five [5] congregations. Each congregation is asked to recruit—including the senior or solo pastor—a minimum of three [3] and a maximum of five [5] people who will participate in the learning community. The maximum number of people from all participating congregations who can be part of this peer learning community is 25.

**Methodologies/Benefits:**
- Monthly webinars and/or conference calls of 50-55 minutes. Four [4] total webinars and/or conference calls. These sessions will be recorded for viewing/listening later or by other people not on the webinar and/or call.
- Up to two [2] telephone conference calls of 50-55 minutes each with each congregation, upon their request, with George Bullard. Up to 25 people per congregation can be on these calls. These sessions will be recorded for listening later.
- An online forum where files can be shared, conversations can take place, questions can be posed. Dialogue should be by this method so all participating congregations can benefit from the learnings.
- TCP will share free of additional cost articles and PowerPoint presentations it is developing on this subject.

**Cost:** $500 per congregation [That is $125 per month for April through July. Price is $450 if full payment is received before April 1st.]

**Questions? Need More Information? Want to Register?** Send an e-mail to
*Client.Care@TheColumbiaPartnership.org* or call George Bullard at 803.622.0923.

*Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 18, 2104*

**IMPORTANT!!**
The Columbia Partnership reserves the right to not conduct this peer learning community if at least four [4] congregations have not registered by Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Congregations should make no payment to The Columbia Partnership until they receive confirmation the peer learning community will be held.

**Denominational Staff, Consultants, and Coaches:** You may participate in this peer learning community on a space available basis. You cannot sign up until after the registration deadline, but you can ask to be placed on the waiting list by sending an e-mail to *Client.Care@TheColumbiaPartnership.org*. You will be notified on Wednesday, March 19th if your request to be included has been accepted. Your cost will be $200 per person or $180 if full payment is received before April 1st.