

Coaching Network for Executive Pastors

Fall 2012

Facilitated by Tim Stevens

Who this is for:

- Executive Pastors or leaders with executive duties in a local church. [If you are involved in strategic planning, budgeting, employment decisions and leading change—you have executive duties.]
- Not everyone. [Applicants will be screened. The network will be limited to 8-14 participants.]
- Leaders in a season or at a crossroads who need customized, focused, up close and personal attention. [Sometimes, instead of a conference, you need a controlled, safe forum to be blunt about the challenges you face and get frank, encouraging insight in return.]
- Leaders who are highly committed to strategic, interactive, out-of-the-box learning opportunities and are willing to invest the time, energy and money for the journey.
- Leaders who may be feeling the need for an additional degree or college training who would rather invest that money in an uber-practical, hands-on experience with others wired just like you.

What participants get:

- Six days of coaching sessions (9 a.m.-4 p.m. with an on-site lunch) led by Tim Stevens on location in Granger, Indiana.
- Each session with targeted focus discussions based on your needs, such as:
 - Hiring, firing, developing a healthy staff culture.
 - Relationship management – with your boss, peers and employees.
 - Building, sustaining and leading volunteer teams.
 - Finding and growing high capacity leaders.
 - Leading change, strategic communications.
 - Strategies and philosophies behind planning weekend services.
 - Budgeting and money issues, following trends, growth strategies.
 - Managing building projects, bringing them in under budget.
- Surprise guest experts for relevant topics.
- The opportunity to roll-up your sleeves and let down your guard with peers you can trust. Time will be carved to drill down on your top issue—working together with the group for possible solutions.
- A controlled, filtered setting to work together with a small group of leaders who will share what they've learned, encourage you with objectivity and energize you for your next phase.
- Direct access to Tim Stevens between meetings (available for consults by Skype or email).
- VIP guest treatment during your visits.
- A free copy of Tim's books.
 - *Simply Strategic Stuff: Help for Leaders Drowning in the Details of Running a Church*
 - *Simply Strategic Volunteers: Empowering People for Ministry*
 - *Simply Strategic Growth: Attracting a Crowd to Your Church*

- *Pop Goes the Church: Should the Church Engage Pop Culture?*
 - *Vision: Lost & Found – The Story of a Church That Got Stuck but Didn't Stay There*
- Access to an exclusive online space for connecting between meetings.
- Electronic files of all coaching notes and supporting documents.
- Additional books and curriculum.

What participants give:

- Commit to participate in 3 face-to-face coaching sessions (for a total of 6 days) at Granger Community Church.
- **Dates:**
 - **September 6-7, 2012**
 - **October 17-18, 2012**
 - **November 29-30, 2012**
- Investment: \$3,500 per participant for the network experience (includes all materials and books, one-night hotel for each day of training, lunch on training days and more), payable within 21 days after notification that you have been accepted.
- Time between sessions to read a book and come prepared to participate in focused discussion.

A few more details:

- A large percentage of the revenue from this Coaching Network will be invested to help subsidize the training of pastors and leaders around the world through the ministry of WiredChurches.com.
- You're responsible for your own travel (but remember, your hotel costs are covered by your registration). When the participants have been chosen, we'll disperse the list so you can choose to join up in renting a car or traveling from the airport.

What's next:

- Complete the [application](#) as soon as possible. Participants will be considered first-come-first-served based on date the application is received. All applications must be in by September 1.

What people are saying about the experience:

- *Having a safe place to discuss my situations while getting valuable advice has been a huge blessing to our church. –Matthew Johnson, Lancaster Community Church, Lancaster, OH*
- *My life and ministry was enriched by the relationships, shared experiences and excellent books Tim chose. This is a real opportunity to increase your capacity to lead and form relationships that will be the greatest resource for your future ministry. –Greg Gillman, The Rock Family Worship Center, Huntsville, AL*
- *This is a “must do.” The knowledge gained was worth the time and money. However, the relationships are priceless. –Scott Adkins, Cornerstone Christian Church, Shiloh, IL*
- *The networking and relational value was worth it alone. I have been exposed to some great people, resources, and support. Do it, but commit to it. The conversations and reading add the value you place on it. Make it a priority and you’ll be very blessed. –Nate Drye, Abundant Life Church, Glen Burnie, MD*
- *The resources we received were incredible. The conversations and input added value and made the time and effort and money spent worth it. –Mark Nipper, Lakepointe Church, Clinton Township, MI*
- *It was a great opportunity to network with others. Tim & his team challenged me to think differently on many different issues. It’s definitely worth your time! –Dave Ambrose, BridgeWay Community Church, Fishers, IN*
- *The network has been both a greenhouse and a sounding board! –Sharon Van Niekerk, The Father’s House, Chili, NY*
- *Worth every penny. I am a much better leader due to this training. Incredibly valuable insights into how to better serve my pastor, my church and my God! –Alfred Turley, Rock Bridge Community Church, Dalton, GA*

More about Tim Stevens

For 17 years, Tim's leadership has helped Granger connect with people who think church is irrelevant. He has done this through the creative blending of architecture, strategy and technology. He's acutely tuned in to popular culture and is instrumental in balancing operations, building creative teams and inspiring artists to brand each message series and sharpen the weekend experience. He's co-authored the Simply Strategic book series using humor and practical principles to equip churches and ministry leaders and in 2012 published *Vision: Lost & Found* to relay the story of Granger's journey toward a new vision. More...



- In full-time ministry serving the local church since 1985.
- On staff with Granger Community Church (Granger, IN) since 1994.
- In the role of Executive Pastor since 1997. Responsible for 85+ staff.
- Instrumental in leading Granger through steady growth from 350 people meeting in a movie theater to more than 5,000 gathering each weekend.
- Led the development of Granger's 55-acre campus and six building projects—bringing in every project under budget.
- Responsible for the team that designed and built Granger's multi-sensory Children's Center.
- Has taught more than 22,000 church leaders in person at workshops, conferences and seminars since 2002.
- Author of LeadingSmart.com blog with more than 3,000 subscribers and 20,000+ unique visitors each month.
- Published articles in several publications including Rick Warren's Ministry Toolbox, *REV* Magazine and Pastors.com. Also a regular columnist for *Collide Magazine*.
- Interviewed for views on Pop Culture by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and the *Wall Street Journal*.
- One of the leaders of WiredChurches.com with an influence-based network of 16,000 church leaders.

Quick facts about Granger

- Started in 1986 by Mark and Sheila Beeson.
- A local church with a vision of reaching every unchurched person in the population-base of 300,000 people.
- For ten years met in a movie theater and grew to 900 people.
- Launched WiredChurches.com in 2001 to train pastors and church leaders around the world.
- Associated with the Willow Creek Association, Purpose-Driven, and the United Methodist Church.
- With the 2008 launch of a campus in Elkhart, Indiana—Granger is now a multi-site ministry.
- Granger is 20 minutes from the South Bend airport (SBN), 90 minutes from Chicago Midway (MDW) and 2 hours from Chicago O'Hare (ORD).
- Learn more about Granger at GCCwired.com or watch videos on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Vimeo](https://www.vimeo.com).