

## Natural Church Development

Natural Church Development is both a tool and a community. The process is an orientation towards church growth and strategic planning that is grounded in a parish's measurement of health in eight areas. The research supporting this process is extensive, based initially on 1,000 churches in 32 countries and confirmed through work in 55,000 churches in 70 countries over the past 15 years.

The **NCD Survey** measures parish health in these areas: leadership, ministry, spirituality, structures, worship service, small groups, evangelism, and relationships based on the research indicating that healthy churches manifest

- Empowering leadership
- Passionate spirituality
- Effective structures
- Inspiring worship services
- Holistic small groups
- Need-oriented evangelism
- Loving relationships

Once a parish identifies its strengths and challenges, the NCD organization offers resources that support strategic planning to enable the parish to grow and deepen in these areas.

The CSD office has numerous NCD books and can supply coaches to assist your parish with this work. Call Christyn for more information.

NCD Resources available from Diocesan Resource Library:

- Natural Church Development
- Colour Your World With Natural Church Development
- The Three Colours of Ministry
- The Three Colours of Love
- The Three Colours of Your Spirituality
- The Three Colours of Leadership

Natural Church Development is also a community of practitioners around the world who support one another in their work and the local NCD community is NCD Canada. Bill Bickle is the NCD champion, trainer and purveyor of NCD books and tools for the churches in Canada. Bill has been instrumental in supporting parishes with the NCD process and in bringing Christian Schwartz, the NCD founder, to speaking engagements in Canada. NCD International supports the world-wide ministry with new tools and resources, and ongoing research.

For more information about the NCD process and NCD Canada: <http://ncd-canada.com>