# Momentum: Practical Steps to Reenergize YourChurch ★

An Invitation to a Clergy Cohort with Rev. Brad Kalajainen & Rev. Gary Step

**Momentum:** Practical Steps to Reenergize Your Church is a 7-session learning series designed for pastors seeking fresh strategies and practical tools to renew energy, spark growth, and reinvigorate their church.

Cost: Free – no cost for this cohort

# **Session Options:**

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Meeting Dates: 10/28, 11/18, 12/9, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28

Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM

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# The Journey

# Breaking Growth Barriers in Smaller Churches

Discover practical strategies to help smaller congregations overcome cultural barriers, expand their reach, and capitalize on new growth opportunities.

# Getting Your Church Unstuck

Identify the common challenges that hold churches back and learn how to create momentum, clarity, and renewed energy for ministry.

# **5** Ten Ways to Increase Giving

Learn tested and creative approaches to inspire generosity, strengthen stewardship, and increase financial support for your church's mission.

### Reaching People Between 20–40 Years Old

Understand the unique needs, values, and motivations of younger adults, and discover effective ways to build authentic relationships with the next generation.

## ✓ 10 Things You Can Do Next Week to Help Your Church Grow

Walk away with a clear, actionable checklist of immediate steps that can spark new vitality, increase engagement, and foster growth in your congregation.

## Ministry Burnout is Real

Explore the causes and warning signs of pastoral and lay leader burnout, and gain tools for building resilience, balance, and sustainable rhythms of life.

### **Cohort Detail**

**Duration:** 7 sessions Length: 90 minutes each

Format: Virtual

Begins: October 2025

## Facilitators: Rev. Brad Kalajainen & Rev. Gary Step

Brad Kalajainen is the founding pastor of Cornerstone UMC in Grand Rapids, which was launched in 1990. After retiring in 2021, he began coaching pastors and churches with Difference Makers and now serves as a Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship, helping congregations grow in leadership, mission, and generosity.

Gary Step is Senior Director of Leadership Development for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. He equips leaders through visioning, coaching, stewardship, and financial guidance. Beginning his ministry in a small rural church that tripled in size, Gary remains passionate about helping churches become vital and alive.



Register by October 23th. Space is limited to 7 per cohort.





