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Who Benefits from Lay Pastors Ministry?

Actively involved in serving one another in love.

People Who Need Care . . .

- Receive quality, Christ-centered, confidential care for their hurts and needs.
- Find hope, healing, and a new sense of self-worth through the support of a Lay Pastors
- Know they are remembered and supported by their congregation in times of personal difficulty
- Receive ongoing care for continuing needs long after the onset of a crisis, when many others have forgotten about them
- Grow in a deeper relationship with their Lord as they experience God's unconditional love for them through their Lay Pastors

Your Pastors . . .

- No longer shoulder the entire burden of caring in the congregation, as if the pastor were the only one able, willing, or called to do this ministry
- Receive support and care from the lay people who are part of the congregation's Lay Pastors Ministry team
- Reach more members of the congregation with quality PACE ministry
- Experience renewed joy and satisfaction as they equip others and so extend the reach of their own ministries
- Have more time to focus on the ministries that only the pastor can do

Your Lay People . . .

- Discover, cultivate, and use the spiritual gifts they have been blessed with
- See themselves as active partners in the mission and ministry of the church
- Find all aspects of their lives enriched by the distinctively PACEing skills they learn and practice
- Experience great joy as they see God working through them to bring hope and healing to a hurting person
- Grow spiritually as they experience the Lord's loving presence in community with other Christian caregivers

Your Entire Congregation . . .

- Discovers that many members want to be involved in meaningful ministry and will respond to the call to become a Lay Pastor or LPM Leader
- Becomes a more loving community that is more sensitive and responsive to people's needs for care.
- Is able to provide more quality Christian care, so that fewer people slip through the cracks.
- Is able to reach out to the unchurched who are hurting and introduce them to the healing love of Jesus in their time of need.

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People, pastors, and the entire congregation will benefit! How do you find this from other programs or ministries? Is your church or organizations delivering the result in those? If not, articulate your mission.
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