

Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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Interested in becoming a Certified Coach? The Peninsula-Delaware Conference has invited Rev. Dr. Val Hastings (a Master Certified Coach and founder of Coaching4Clergy) to offer coach training in our Annual Conference. The onsite training will take place at The Simpson Center at Whatcoat UMC, Camden, DE in our conference area from April 16-20, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break. In addition, each participant will complete 12 hours of live online training plus 12 hours of asynchronous online training.

The cost of the training is \$3000, and you can make arrangements for a payment plan. Once you complete the training and have a mentor-evaluated coaching transcript, you may apply to the International Coach Federation (ICF) for the Accredited Certified Coach (ACC) credential. The ICF ACC Application fee is an additional cost.

Why become a coach? Ephesians 4:11-13 states: "He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ." As pastors, our work involves "equipping the saints for the work of ministry" and empowering people to reach the "fullness of Christ." Utilizing a coach approach to ministry allows pastors to enable the church leadership to listen to the movement of the Holy Spirit among them.

Through tools such as deep listening, powerful questions, and accountability, a coach approach draws out the best in people and helps them tap into their Spirit-given gifts for ministry. A ministry coach approach to team leadership invites the group, using the same coaching tools, to listen for the Holy Spirit's move among them. This leadership shifts the focus of the conversation away from "who has the most votes" and toward a discernment process which builds consensus.

Would you like to have a demonstration? Contact Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith (vgordy-stith@pen-del.org or 302.674.2626) for either an individual coaching session or a group coaching session or with any questions you may have. We trust that this training may offer you additional skills as a spiritual leader within your church.