

## Mentoring

The mentoring element takes place in between learning community sessions. Specially trained pastors, whom are already implementing these principles in their own churches, will serve as mentors for those new to the *LifeFlow* process, helping them understand the teachings and begin to make application to their churches.

In addition, the mentor will walk alongside the senior pastors in several processes for their personal development:

- The *Vista Assessment Process* in which the senior pastor has three dialogues with the mentor to help them develop an understanding of their strengths and growth areas.
- From this, the mentor helps the pastor put together a *Personal Development Plan* (PDP), which fosters the personal spiritual and specific ministerial development of the pastor.
- Along with the PDP, the mentor helps the pastor develop a *Philosophy of Ministry* to use in the leading and guiding of the church.
- The mentor also helps the pastor in using the *Natural Church Development Survey* with the church for assessing the spiritual vitality of the congregation.

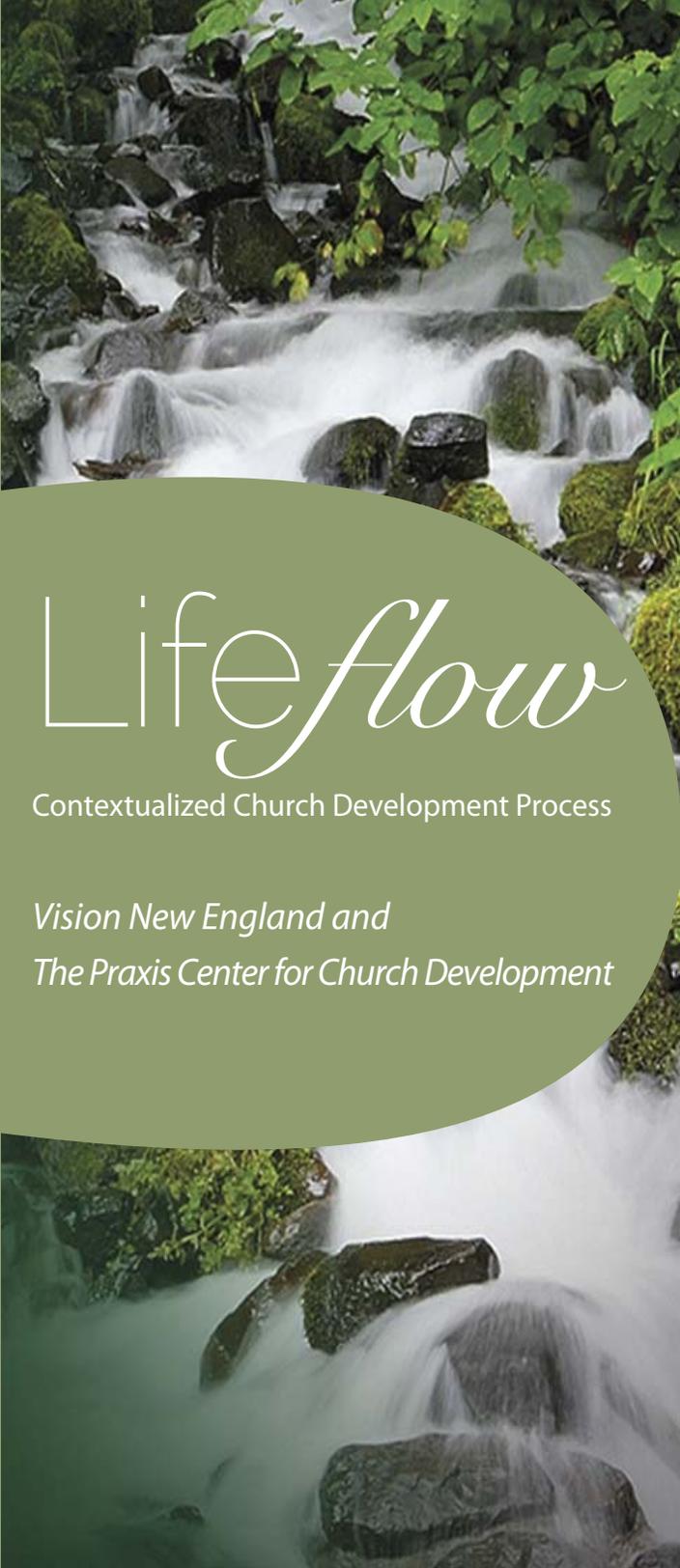
The *LifeFlow* mentor will also help the senior pastor with the implementing of learning into life and ministry, walking alongside the senior pastor as a resource, both personally and for the ministry of the church.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the *LifeFlow* process, please visit the Vision New England website for the most up to date information.

[www.visionnewengland.org](http://www.visionnewengland.org)

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# LifeFlow

Contextualized Church Development Process

*Vision New England and  
The Praxis Center for Church Development*

## Dear Pastor,

Greetings from Vision New England and The Praxis Center for Church Development! We are excited about what the Lord is doing in the midst of the congregation you lead and care for. Part of our excitement is also in our partnership in bringing you the *LifeFlow Church Development Process*, which will begin this coming Fall of 2013.

Yours for a greater harvest,

Tom Johnston  
Executive Director  
The Praxis Center for Church Development



## What is *LifeFlow*?

*LifeFlow* is a church development process created by Mike Perkinson and Tom Johnston, out of years of working with thousands of pastors from more than forty denominations.

The goal of the *LifeFlow* process is to help local congregations be more effective and fruitful in their ministry. It is a "contextualized" process, meaning it will help each local pastor work with the Lord in discovering and implementing the key things that will bring the church to health and fruitfulness.

*LifeFlow* is for churches of all sizes and types and is not based on any particular model of ministry - just principles from the ministry of Jesus. It can help ANY church move forward in Christ.

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## How does *LifeFlow* work?

The *LifeFlow* process consists of three parts: *Learning, Mentoring & Implementing.*

In the learning segment, the senior pastor joins a learning community with other senior pastors from their area. These communities will meet every 4-8 weeks for a day and a half to study seven key areas of ministry:

1. New Testament Ecclesiology: gaining a biblical view of what the church is all about
2. Infusing the New Testament "DNA" in your leadership and congregation
3. Developing a discipleship process for your particular church
4. Creating a leadership development pathway that fits your gifting and culture
5. How to develop your congregation's evangelism and community witness
6. Forming and implementing strategic vision for your church
7. Using the Natural Church Development Survey in your church

## Who will be facilitating *LifeFlow*?

Tom Johnston will be facilitating and presenting during the learning community sessions, which will be located in Bedford, NH.

## What does *LifeFlow* cost?

For an individual church to engage in the learning, mentoring and implementing of the *LifeFlow* development process, it would normally cost in excess of \$7,000. But through the agency of Vision New England, your church can gain all the benefits of *LifeFlow* for a drastically reduced cost. Due to the number of churches which will be involved with *LifeFlow* through VNE, and with VNE's sponsorship, the cost to your congregation for this vitalization process is just \$1,500. Also, additional pastoral staff or ministry team members can participate for \$150 each. VNE is making this possible because it believes that local churches here in New England are the best means for people to be evangelized and disciplined in Christ. The *LifeFlow* cohort for 2013-2014 will be limited to just 30 churches, so don't wait, sign up now!

