

The final Antioch Encounter for 2008 was held in Cincinnati (Northeastern Zone) this past week-end with 18 in attendance representing the Ephesians 4, Appalachian, and North Carolina Conferences. Six were registered who were not able to attend. Ephesians 4 had the largest number present with 8 attendees.

The Encounter began with dinner on Thursday evening followed by a 2 hour teaching session on "The Dynamics Of Leading A Church Through the Birthing Process" by Dr. Ronald Carpenter. Apostle Tony Atkinson did a great job in the Friday Forum and at the close of the day everyone wrote the vision for ministry that God had given to them and brought it forth for a time of prayer and laying on of hands. Rick Fountain, Director of Church Planting and Development for the IPHC, concluded the Encounter on Saturday morning with a 3 hour session on "How To Birth A Church"!

The Antioch Encounter is a unique church planting school that provides training for pastors who desire to birth a church out of their congregation. Those present are invited to become a part of the Antioch Network which is a network of "Mother Church Pastors" across America under the supervision of Rev. Rick Fountain. The Antioch Network provides a source of connectivity, accountability, resourcing, and recognition for these pastors as they lead their churches through the process of mothering a new congregation.

As you will see in the statistical report below, all goals for the Antioch Encounters and for the Antioch Network have been exceeded! For this we give God the glory!

Continue to pray for this new church planting focus as an ever-increasing number of IPHC pastors catch the vision for birthing churches! We will have an Encounter in each of the four geographical zones of the denomination again next year with a goal of at least 100 in attendance and 200 participants in the Antioch Network by the end of the year. Thank you for your past prayers and support that have made this new church planting arm of the IPHC so successful!

**TOGETHER, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SOMETHING SO GREAT FOR GOD,
THAT APART FROM HIS HELP, IT IS DOOMED TO FAIL!**

The Antioch Encounters began in January of 2006. The Antioch Network became operational in September of 2006. The status of both to date is as follows:

**11 Antioch Encounters conducted
128 Attendees at 2008 Encounters (The goal was 100)
A total of 319 Attendees at 2006-2008 Encounters (The goal was 300)
215 of these attendees were pastors**

152 are now participating in the Antioch Network as of 4/12/08. (The goal was 150 by the end of 2008.)

The original goal was 100 participants by the end of 2009. The outstanding success of the Antioch effort has made it necessary to revise this goal. The new goal is 200 participants by the end of 2009.