



HUMILITY NETWORK

Ministry is no longer a solo act

We all feel it. In the face of post-modern culture and local church ministry that changes at warp speed, it's time to connect, innovate and thrive together.

Explore Real Change

The Humility Network is for pastors and churches who speak with a Wesleyan accent to come together for community and innovation. It connects pastors on a transformative journey both personally and in ministry.

What is the Journey?

The Humility Network is a supportive network of cohorts designed to connect up to 8 pastors over the course of a year. Through authentic relationships, real-world relevance, reliance on the Holy Spirit and mutual accountability we expect to see our lives, churches and communities transformed by the grace of God.

Imagine the Transformation

- ★ **Find your community:**
Supportive and encouraging peers
- ★ **Discover solutions:**
Apply strategies that work for real ministry needs
- ★ **Stay Accountable:**
Engage in mutual accountability for personal & church growth

The Goal

The Humility Network's clear focus is to make new and deeper disciples of Jesus Christ by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

How it Works: A three-fold growth dynamic

- ✦ **Twice monthly Zoom Meetings** 2-hour collaborative sessions for 10.5 months. July and half of December off. Each session has a group agenda and is facilitated by an experienced coach to keep conversations balanced & on track.
- ✦ **Bi-annual, In-person Retreats** to recharge and refocus. These overnight retreats will build relationships and delve deeper into adaptive solutions for real needs.
- ✦ **Monthly Individual Coaching** tailored to your needs. Each participant has the option of monthly one-on-one coaching with Roger.

Outcomes

Humility Network members will act as catalysts for growth and encouragers for each other's personal lives and ministries. The clear expectation is personal and church growth beyond imagination by the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

- ✦ A tight-knit community that both supports and challenges you to be your best.
- ✦ A group mastermind approach to generate new ideas and create well-defined goals to move your God-given vision forward.
- ✦ A *Goals For Life* (GFL) method to help you identify and accomplish what matters most.
- ✦ Teaching and coaching on how to create adaptive solutions to your longest running and most vexing problems.
- ✦ Insightful feedback and loving accountability that lead to personal and ministry break throughs.
- ✦ A wealth of best practices from peer practitioners.
- ✦ A team dedicated to multiplying your ministry's fruitfulness.
- ✦ A place to celebrate wins and find support in losses with people who understand.
- ✦ A return of hope, purpose, and joy in ministry.

Who leads the Network?



The Humility Network is curated and led by **Dr. Roger Ross**. Roger has served as a United Methodist pastor and church planter for over 30 years in churches from 12 to over 1,200 in attendance. He has over 20 years of proven coaching experience helping hundreds of people and groups break through growth barriers. Roger also serves as an adjunct professor at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, is the author of three books, and has a weakness for golf. He is married to Leanne Klein Ross, and they have two adult children. *Find out more here: www.rogerross.online/about/*

An H⁴ Culture

The Humility Network is based on four spiritual pillars.



1 Humble

In a culture of humility, we toss selfish ambition out the window and truly regard others as better than ourselves. We don't think less of ourselves. We think more of others and serve one another after Jesus's example.

2 Hungry

We are unashamedly hungry for more of God and what God can do in our midst. To that end, we engage in a supportive community that offers a combination of prayer, curated learning, solution-oriented brainstorming, and peer accountability to break through current growth barriers in ourselves and our churches. Group members agree to challenge each other to set God-sized goals and accomplish them.

3 Holy

Our Wesleyan roots call for "holiness of heart and life." In other words, we are invited to an inward experience and an outward expression of our love for God and neighbor. Holiness is not the result of personal effort or moral rectitude but of abiding in God's presence. We seek to live and lead from a deeply poised center and rely on the Holy Spirit to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

4 Healthy

God moves most freely in and through us when we are the healthiest version of ourselves. We encourage every spiritual leader to be mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically healthy. Similarly, churches thrive when they create a culture that is spiritually and emotionally healthy. These cultures freely receive and give the love of Jesus which organically multiplies disciples, groups, ministries and churches.

Network Values

★ Community

Increasingly, loneliness and isolation undermine many of our best spiritual leaders and churches. Our first goal is to establish authentic community where we can know and be known, love and be loved. For this group to have a transformational impact on our lives and ministries, we must build deep trust with one another.

★ Humility

Community is fostered by humility. Scripture says to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:10). We will honor one another with confidentiality and willingly commit to both give and receive insights and ideas to promote the good of others. We believe when one of us wins, all of us win.

★ Honesty

A leader’s first job is to define reality. With total honesty, we will assess the real issues of ministry in our respective contexts, lay them on the table, and admit where we need insight or practical ideas to move forward.

★ Collaboration

We are better than me. Through a group mastermind approach, solution-oriented brainstorming will generate creative ideas that can define a key goal, design a plan to achieve it, and turn vision into reality.

★ Accountability

Mutual, loving accountability enables us to be who God calls us to be and accomplish the things that are most important. Our aim is to hold one another accountable spiritually and missionally. As we implement our plans, both our success stories and problems will come to the group. Success stories will be applauded (loudly!), and problems will be solved through prayer and collective creative thinking.

What People are Saying

“ My cohort goes beyond anything I have experienced in other groups, settings, or events. It has quickly become a trusted group of leaders and friends who are fostering confidence and boldness in my pastoral ministry. If you need to rediscover the excitement and passion you once had for ministry, the Humility Network is for you! ”

Lisa Unger, Lead Pastor, Cambridge UMC, Cambridge, Illinois

“ Having been in ministry for thirty-seven years, I wasn't sure what more could be added to my spiritual leadership style. I have been beyond blessed! Being challenged to think outside the box and then have colleagues there to hold you accountable was perfect timing for my current ministry setting. ”

Jim Blue, Lead Pastor, Sunrise Church, O'Fallon, Missouri

Invest in yourself and your church for significant growth

- ★ **Be part of the Humility Network for \$3,000 per pastor, per year.**
This includes the twice monthly facilitated group sessions and the bi-annual retreats. *Books and materials used during the year and travel expenses for the two retreats are the responsibility of each participant.
- ★ **Individual coaching for one hour per month is an additional \$2,000 per year.**
Pursue the option of accelerated growth through customized one-on-one sessions.

Next Steps

Interested, contact Roger Ross at rsross9698@gmail.com or 217.691.4577.

I look forward to going on this transformative journey with you!



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