

FROM THIS CORNER

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## **"An Emphasis on Developing Christian Leaders"**

This Fall Cornerstone District pastors will again participate in Leadership Development Teams. These groupings were first developed when Bob Pascoe was superintendent and have proven to be popular and beneficial to participants.

The pastors of our district are in five groups, currently divided according to the relative size of their congregations. Some discussion has begun regarding the possibility of cross-over to groups focusing on particular areas of leadership development.

Beginning in September some groups will be listening to and discussing John Maxwell's lessons on "Leading a Small Church" and "Earning Trust ~ The #1 Responsibility of a Leader."--Others will be reading and discussing Bill Hybels' book Courageous Leadership. Future areas of focus may include the study and discussion of Ron Susek's book Firestorm! Preventing and Overcoming Church Conflicts.

Along with these areas of focus the pastors will share devotional time focused on scripture and prayer.

Other district teams and committees will also be strongly encouraged to focus on Christian leadership development so that our district lay leadership will be strengthened. The mission of our conference is to "recruit, resource, release, and refresh spiritual leaders of excellence," and our work is too important and demanding to assume we can lead healthy growing churches without prayer, embracing each other in the connection, and developing leadership skills.