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Recent Blog Post

This week's blog post is written by a new

Are you already living in 2012? Come back!

I've been noticing a trend in my coaching conversations and training sessions and it started back in November. Even with the holidays approaching, people seemed to already be looking right past Christmas and towards what they want to jump into on January 1st.

I work with pastors and church leaders.

This is one of the holiest times of the year.

What's going on?

I'm getting this sense of people wanting to get moving; they just don't want to be in holiday mode. There's a feeling of impatience with the here and now, preferring instead to be 30, 60 or 90 days ahead.

Somehow it made me think of Rip Van Winkle, except instead of saying, "Wake me when all this hard work is over," people are saying, "Let's skip over this holiday stuff and dig into the hard work of 2012!"

In our training program about [coaching the lead pastor](#), we talk about how a common theme for senior pastors is that it's like they're flying at 30,000 feet in the air – focusing on the big picture perspective and vision for their congregation and community. It's a unique vantage point, and when you're operating from that height it's like time moves at a different pace.

While this is an excellent time to be planning and projecting for 2012, what are you missing out on because you're looking so far ahead? What strength will you have to draw on come January 1st, if you haven't taken any time for spiritual nourishment, rest or rejuvenating your close relationships?

It's time to land that plane in the here and now of the holiday season. Next week, I'll share some concrete suggestions and personal examples about how to give yourself permission to be present for this

acquaintance of mine. Her name is Claire Pedrick, a coach in the UK. Like many of you, Claire's coaching includes work with the clergy. Claire, along with Su Blanch, have written a book that I have just read and highly recommend: *How to Make Great Appointments in the Church: Calling, Competence and Chemistry*. Enjoy this week's guest blogger! [...]

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holy time.

Meet Our Faculty Member -Sue Politte, ACC

Sue Politte, ICF certified coach, has over 30 years of involvement with Christian ministries, church and non-profit. She highly values the God given uniqueness of each individual and situation. She coaches to leverage God given strengths so lives are lived with passion, courage and success.



Sue partners with many clients to build and support focus to achieve success. These clients may have ADHD; others may be experiencing very challenging situations which make focus difficult. Powerful areas for focus coaching: celebrating the individual, establishing boundaries that reflect priorities, custom tailoring time, organizational and accountability strategies.

With pastors, executive directors, leaders and teams, Sue coaches to draw on the unique strength of each individual, identify limiting beliefs, advocate constructive communication, strategize, and troubleshoot. These are important keys to lasting and effective change. Sue's Bachelor's Degree, engineering and business studies, paired with her experience equip her to partner effectively in business/management situations for results that matter.

Professional memberships: ICF (ACC), HC, ADDA

Meet Our Trainer - Ken Hoke

My life goal is to walk with people to help them achieve their desired goals. In doing this I have served 27 years in the pastorate, 8 years in general church work and now 4 years in consulting and coaching with individuals and groups. I would be privileged to walk with you on your journey of growth, development and transformation.



Upcoming Events

December 5-6, 2011	Two Day Basic Coach Training – Parsippany, NJ	More Info
December 6, 2011	START COACHING IN 60 MINUTES: A 5 Step Model for More Effective Change	More Info
December 8, 2011	Every Pastor, Ministry Staff and Church Leader a Coach	More Info

January 2, 9, 23, 30, 2012	102: Conflict Coaching	More Info
January 22- 26th, 2012	Accelerated Coach Training	More Info
January 10, 17, 24, 31 2012	205: Developing a Strong Personal Foundation Teleclass	More Info
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