

## **Pastoral Care Training Level one**

**Friday, August 21 and  
Saturday, August 22, 2026  
Georgia Plains Baptist Church  
Georgia Plains, VT**

Are you in ministry leadership and wish you had more training in being effective with relationships and communication? Are you naturally drawn to care for the needs of others? Are you frustrated with the revolving door of people coming into your church or fellowship only to exit without explanation?

Vermont New Hampshire Revival Network is offering Pastoral Care Training to those who have an interest in being better equipped to provide a nurturing and caring environment for relationships to flourish and people to feel cared for. This is a hands-on, practical course that will prepare you to be a better communicator in every aspect of your life.

Please register by **August 7** as space is limited. Registration fee is \$50.00 for materials and meals and payable at the event.

## SCHEDULE

### *Friday, August 21*

Lunch on your own

2:30 Registration

3:00 Session 1

Introductions and orientation

Getting to know you and group formation

Communication block lecture and practice exercise

3:45 Screening behaviors

Dealing with the exiting group member demonstration

4:30 Break

4:45 Communication theory

How we communicate: verbal and non-verbal

The Interpersonal Communication Cycle

Communication filters and countertransference

Listening postures

5:30 Dinner (provided)

6:30 Recognizing drop-outs and keeping them in

8:15 Milk and cookies

8:30 Group reflection

9:00 Closing prayer time

### *Saturday, August 22*

8:30 Continental breakfast

9:00 Opening worship, prayer in groups

9:15 Communication Building Blocks

Restatement of Information

Validation

Checking for feeling

10:15 Break

10:30 Proper use of questions

11:00 Putting it all together

Positive Communication Cycle

Practice exercise for Communication Building Blocks

12:00 Lunch (provided) Churches are encouraged to meet during lunch to discuss how to apply the *Care-Giver's* Program

1:00 Story listening lecture

Story Sharing Progression

Story Listening interaction

2:00 How to help problem solve

How do you know when you are in over your head?

Referrals and helpful resources

2:45 Break

3:00 Using prayer in care-giving ministry

3:30 Bringing it all together- story listening exercise and evaluation

4:30 Taking care of yourself, confidentiality

Questions and answers

Closing time

5:00 Training ends

### About the Trainer

Pastor Lyle Willey developed the Pastoral Care Training program and will be our trainer. He is the pastor of Abundant Life Fellowship of Northern Vermont and the Executive Director of Vermont New Hampshire Revival Network. Pastor Lyle has a Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling and has taught communication skills for more than 25 years.

**Registration online at  
[vnhrevivalnetwork.org/conferences](http://vnhrevivalnetwork.org/conferences) and  
training/pastoral care Training**

**Register by AUGUST 7**

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