

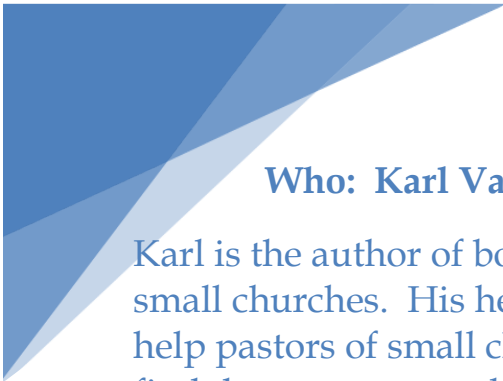


# District Resource Academy

Presents: Big or Small – Redefining Ministry  
A time apart with author Karl Vaters

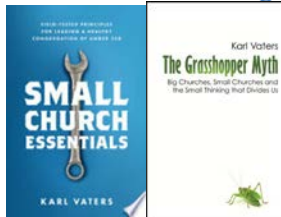
**Saturday September 29th 8:30am-2:00pm**  
**First UMC – 21 Fern Dr. Torrington CT**

Our District is creating a new opportunity for our clergy and church leadership to be resourced for effective ministry and engage in conversations/activities designed to help support our congregations in their effort to be effective disciple makers. These are called CT District Days. Please invite your church leaders and come for a time of activities and dialog around what it means to be a small church and how to leverage the uniqueness of your congregation to help it thrive no matter the size or context.



### Who: Karl Vaters

Karl is the author of books about small churches. His heart is to help pastors of small churches find the resources and capitalize on their unique advantages. Karl has been in pastoral ministry for over 30 years and is the teaching pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, a healthy small church in Orange County CA .



### Scheduled Agenda

- 8:30am Continental Breakfast
- 8:50am Welcome & Prayer
- 9:00am Redefining Success in ministry (Plenary)
- 10:00am Breakout Session #1
- 11:00am Big or Small? What’s The Difference (Plenary)
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:40pm Breakout Session #2
- 1:30pm Question & Answer

### Breakout Sessions:

*Being a great small church*  
*Infusing new life to existing small churches*  
*Principles for being a great small church*  
*Holy Habits*  
*(Sign-up on arrival – first come first serve)*

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