



David & Joan Young  
Renewal Servants

## *Springs Of Living Water!*

*Servant Leadership For Church Renewal*

David S. Young is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. A pastor for 35 years, he has served in permanent and interim positions, in small and large churches, in Maryland, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. He helped found a Hospice doing spiritual care at Crozer Chester Medical Center near Philadelphia. He was Congregational Transformation Specialist for the American Baptist Churches, USA. David established *Rekindle!* where churches in thirteen clusters nationwide were linked by fiber optic to go through a four-year renewal process.

Currently with his wife Joan, he has developed and is leading a church renewal initiative called *Springs of Living Water!* in order to spiritually revitalize churches in a servant led fashion. Pastors and ministers can receive training to lead a church renewal process through the Springs Academies over the phone with a group from the church walking along. From there they can receive further shepherding in the Springs! Institute to establish a Springs Initiative of Renewal in their church. They have worked in the N. Ohio, Shenandoah, and W. PA districts of the Church of the Brethren and now with the academy, the work has spread over many areas linking district churches.

Since 1986, Dr. Young has served as Adjunct Professor of Spiritual Formation and Church Renewal at the Eastern, now Palmer (American) Baptist Theological Seminary and taught intensives at 4 seminaries: Eastern Mennonite, Bethany, and Princeton, and Lancaster Theological Seminaries. He taught at the International Conference of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership and in many settings in the church. David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics with honors, at Elizabethtown College. While pursuing a Doctoral degree in math at Purdue University, he felt led to go to Bethany Theological Seminary and earned his Master of Divinity degree with honors. During his first pastorate he gained an interest in church renewal and pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree in church renewal at Bethany. His first book was mentored by Richard Armstrong at Princeton Theological Seminary. He did extended work in preaching with James Forbes at Auburn/Union Theological Seminary in New York City and was selected by Dr. Forbes for the Master Preacher series.

Dr. Young has authored four books and a monograph, edited and wrote in another, and has chapters in three others. He has written 35 articles on spiritual formation, servant leadership, and church renewal along with sermons, 7 Easter messages. His publications in church renewal are: *Springs of Living Water*, *Christ-Centered Church Renewal*, (Herald Press, 2008), *Servant Leadership for Church Renewal*, *Shepherds by the Living Springs* (Herald Press, 1999), republished by Wipf and Stock, and *A New Heart and A New Spirit, A Plan for Renewing Your Church* (Judson Press, 1994). He wrote the monograph "A Gift of Dialogue" published by the Greenleaf Center. David has a chapter "Foresight, the Leader that the Leader Has." in a Greenleaf Center anthology, *Focus on Leadership, Servant-Leadership for the 21st Century* (John Wiley, 2002). He wrote a book endorsement in the Silver Anniversary edition of Robert Greenleaf's *Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness* (Paulist, 2002). David now has 3 DVD's produced by David Sollenberger that complement the church renewal work.

After 18 years chairing the Spiritual Renewal Team of the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren, Springs has been asked to lead the Pastors and Church Leaders Conference in partnership with the district. He chaired the Renovare Conference with Richard Foster in 2000. He is on the board of the Lighthouse Vocational Services for adults with developmental disabilities in New Holland, PA and updated the Lighthouse Story booklet.

David has been described as one with an inner peace and a burning center, one who helps cast a vision and helps others get on board, enthusiastic, one with compassion for people spiritually and pastorally, strong in preaching, teaching and writing, one with energy and organization.