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Professional

Specializes in: Coaching, Consulting, Vibrant Faith Frame and Youth Ministry

Tom Schwolert joins the Vibrant Faith Ministries' team after spending more than 26 years in youth and family ministry at churches in Minnesota and Texas. Along with his vast experience and a master's degree in Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Tom brings a passion for helping others learn that they are capable of being faith builders in their everyday lives.

Tom successfully helped the four churches he served shift from being program-based to a more intergenerational, relational and congregational focus. As part of these efforts, he developed and oversaw popular weekly intergenerational ministries that included worship, study and community life. Tom also created Full Circle training that resulted in unique workshops in homes to enliven the faith of families and neighborhoods. In addition, his community outreach encouraged churches, law enforcement, schools and non-profit organizations to partner together to provide a healthy community for youth. Tom is a certified peer ministry and parenting trainer. He loves walking alongside churches in children, youth and family ministry, and has always volunteered his time mentoring youth ministers and other congregations—helping them carry vision into action. Tom is uniquely gifted as a presenter, speaker and facilitator for large and small gatherings. He has the ability to assess and move churches from current realities to using the power of family for the movement of the Spirit in people of all ages.

Training Specialties:

Dealing with Losing a Child
Youth Leadership in Student Ministry
Small Group Facilitator Training
Parenting in Contemporary Culture
Connecting Church to Community
Using the Bible in the Family without Freaking Everyone Out
Involving Young People in Worship Leadership

Coaching Specialties:

Moving from Program to Relationship Centered Ministry
Giving Ministry Away: Moving from One Expert to Many Experts
Developing a New Job Description for Youth and Family Ministry
Developing a Plan for Ministering to Families
Hiring Children, Youth and Family Staff Planning
Milestones Ministry
Developing Home and Congregation Faith Practices

Personal

Tom resides in Texas with his wife, Melanie, and two daughters, Zoey (16) and Jazmine (20). The Schwolert family was also blessed with a son, Max, who died from a virus at the age of 17 on December 29th, 2012. In his free time, Tom enjoys playing guitar and singing, fishing, golfing, playing racquetball and spending time with his family.

