WHEN?

Sign up with your DEM by November 1st. We will get together a doodle poll then to plan meeting times.

We will meet monthly from November 2019 to May 2020.

WE ARE EXCITED TO LEARN TOGETHER!

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FAITHFUL INNOVATION FOR ROSTERED LEADERS

Are you a rostered leader who wants to boost your own innovation in your local congregation?

Are you interested in the Faithful Innovation congregational process but want to try it out yourself first?

Have you been through Faithful Innovation and want to continue to do innovation work as a leader, with some help from colleagues?

Do you just want a free continuing education opportunity?

Try Faithful Innovation for Rostered Leaders!
What Is Faithful Innovation for Rostered Leaders?

BASIC IDEA

15-20 leaders across the state of WI will meet via Zoom once a month for a 60-90 minute conversation about congregational innovation, listening and learning. Each leader will leave the call with a 1-hour experiment to try before the next call. Leaders will be given practices to introduce into their own leadership contexts that help them and their communities listen more deeply to God, each other, and neighbors; reconnect to and be led by God; define the underlying challenges facing them; reframe expectations for church membership and leadership; and cultivate new ways of being church that foster faithful innovation.

OUR GOALS

- Help leaders better listen to God, their congregations and their communities.
- Help leaders learn to ask different questions.
- Encourage each other to lean into the changes in both congregational and secular culture in creative ways.
- Build connections between leaders in different synods and learn from each other.

WHAT IS THE JOURNEY?

God is up to something new. We believe the Holy Spirit is moving ahead of the church, calling the church into a new future in a time of disruptive social and cultural change. This presents some new leadership challenges for the local church. Even pastors who are really good at leading in the local church are facing challenges which they don’t know how to address. These pastors often feel isolated in their work.

This journey is designed to connect pastors, deacons, synod leaders, and the whole church into a new kind of generative learning community which provides enough depth, longevity, space, structure, and support to innovate faithfully in today’s world. Together, we will engage ancient spiritual practices and cutting-edge innovation theory as we discover ways to join God in cultivating Christian faith in community. Rather than work harder at old ministry patterns that are breaking down, we will seek to identify and embody together faithful ways to lead the church more deeply into God’s life and love for the world.

The steps of the Leadership for Faithful Innovation process build on each other over time. Each month we will introduce a new learning objective and design experiments to discover new learning in our contexts and communities.

Cost: FREE!