

## Faithful Innovation Learning Communities

invite you to...

- Discover the unique story God wants to tell through your congregation
- Get ideas, inspiration, and tools for ministry
- Enjoy the support of interactive workshops and ongoing coaching
- Pray, learn, and walk together with other FdLcongregations

## What is a Faithful Innovation Learning Community?

- Faithful Innovation Learning Communities help congregation members and leaders develop deeper connections with God, each other, and their neighbors. This happens through the introduction of practices of action reflection involving listening, discernment, and small experiments. Within a supportive and structured peer-learning environment, congregation members and leaders are freed to take risks as they discover a more hopeful future together.
- Each participating congregation forms a Guiding Team of 4-8 lay people, with the priest involved as a spiritual resource. Each Guiding Team works with a coach throughout the process.
- Each Guiding Team commits to participation in three daylong Saturday trainings, monthly meetings with their coach to plan congregational activities related to Learning Communities initiatives, and time spent engaging other members of the congregation in the process.

## How will my congregation benefit?

- Train effective lay spiritual leaders through workshops and coaching.
- Learn to discern and respond to God's leading.
- Deepen your congregation's spirituality.
- Build connections with other congregations.
- Engage and inspire your membership.
- Affirm your faith that God has a vital role for your congregation to play.

2019

### Faithful Innovation Trainings

#### Tracing God's Movement in Our Lives

and Neighborhoods—February 2

Focused on simple practices to identify God's presence an movement in our daily lives, congregation, and neighborhood

#### Learn by Doing: Using Action Learning

to Discover God's Leading—May 11

Use action learning experiments to deepen our exploration of the challenges our congregation is facing  
Action learning helps us behave our way into new thinking rather than only think our way into new behaviors

#### Sharing Our Learning: Intentional

Reflections on Our Actions —September 14

Harvesting our learnings and defining the next round of experiments

**If your congregation is interested in joining the Learning Communities initiative, here is what is required:**

- Each congregation will need a Guiding Team of four to eight members willing to engage in the three 2019 trainings and committed to meeting monthly.
- Each Guiding Team will be responsible to help others from their congregation participate in the activities and learning that will take place between trainings.
- Each vestry will need to discuss and approve their congregation's participation in the Learning Communities initiative.
- Each congregation will be asked to contribute \$40 or less per person per training to cover the cost of meals (scholarship assistance available).

**Ready to commit?  
Vestries need to inform us of their commitment  
by November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Fill out a quick form at  
[diofdl.org/faithfulinnovation](http://diofdl.org/faithfulinnovation)**

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