



ECMN+

Faithful Innovation

Pilot Process

Faithful Innovation is a process that invites participants to engage in simple spiritual practices and small experiments to develop deeper relationships with God, fellow faith community members, and their neighbors.

In times of crisis, crossroads, or "stuck-ness," these practices will give you and your faith community the muscle memory to know what to do when you don't know what to do. Rather than focusing inward on deficits, this process invites you to focus outward, to where ***God is already at work in the world around you!*** New life doesn't come from a rehashed budget or yet another program, but from seeing where God is already bringing new life into our midst and joining up with that work.

What's the Commitment?

Guiding teams of 3-8 (mostly) lay leaders from participating faith communities will gather three times over a 9 month period. These teams will learn spiritual practices that will help you:

- Listen
- Act
- Share

Between trainings, teams will engage regularly in the spiritual practices taught during the sessions, share those practices with their faith community, meet monthly with a trained coach to check in and process learnings, and undertake small experiments to join in the work of the Holy Spirit in their neighborhoods.

Each participating group will be asked to sign a participation covenant, found in the registration sign-up.



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The Logistics:

The three in-person meetings will all take place at

The Inn at Shattuck-St. Mary's

1000 Shumway Avenue

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on the following **Saturdays from 10am-3pm:**

July 23, 2022

November 12, 2022

April 1, 2023

Is this a program my congregation is expected to participate in?

No! Faithful Innovation is not a program, and there is no expectation your congregation will participate. It's a process that becomes a way of life. It has been used by over 400 congregations and 50 judicatories (including a couple of dioceses) with amazing results. However, it's only for congregations that want to participate and can commit to full participation.

What's the cost?

The cost is \$100 per congregation to cover the cost of food and materials. However, money should be no barrier to participation, and scholarships are available. If your church needs a scholarship, please contact Blair Pogue at blair.p@episcopalmn.org or 651-357-0945.

Questions? Want to participate?

Contact Blair if you have questions. [Register here](#) by Monday, May 23rd if your faith community wants to participate. Space is limited.