



“Faithful Innovations” Learning Communities of Jesus



For Laity, Pastors, Deacons and Licensed Lay Ministers
of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

“During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.” ~Acts 16:9-10

Announcing the 3rd Cohort Group* of Faithful Innovations online or in person training options

**9 congregations from our synod participated in previous cohort groups.*

- Helping people connect with God, each other, and their neighbors.
- Dwelling in the Word and listening exercises.
- Solid training in a cohort model with accountability and coaching support.
- Affirming the role of lay people in our congregations.
- Broadening your perspective beyond mere “maintenance.”

Training Schedule & Themes for Cohort #3 (all times Eastern):

1st Training via Zoom only

Saturday, January 22, 2022

“Tracing God’s Movement in our Lives and Neighborhoods”

11 am to 2:30 pm (30-minute lunch break)

2nd Training via Zoom or in person at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Saturday, March 5, 2022

“Learning by Doing: Using Action Learning to Discover God’s Leading”

11 am to 4 pm (60-minute lunch break)

3rd Training via Zoom or in person at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Saturday, May 21, 2022

“Sharing our Learning: Intentional Reflections on Our Actions”

11 am to 4 pm (60-minute lunch break)

What’s a congregation’s commitment?

- A congregation has a “Guiding Team” of 4 to 7 lay people committing to 3 training sessions and follow up assignments between trainings. The pastor or licensed lay minister also attends the trainings.
- Cost for Training Sessions is only \$50* per congregation which includes meals at Fortune Lake and a copy of Dwight Zscheile’s book, *The Agile Church* (Dr. Zscheile was keynote speaker at the May 2019 Synod Assembly).

**The actual full costs of these trainings are supported by a generous subsidy from an ELCA Synod Vitality Grant and a Siebert Grant.*

Register and pay by January 13, 2022. Contact Pastor Jim Duehring (906) 228-2300

To learn more about this learning process and to hear testimonials go to:

www.nglsynod.org/faithful-innovations