CONGREGATIONS LEAD INITIATIVE

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
July 8 - August 15

Are you excited about more people knowing about a life in Christ?

If you are excited about more new, young, diverse people knowing about a life in Christ, then your congregation might be a great candidate to apply for the Congregations Lead Initiative!



Program Overview

The Congregations Lead Initiative is a new, two-year program that will gather a cohort of 50 congregations from across the ELCA to unleash and harness their collective genius and discover new and useful ministry innovations.

Your congregation team will:

- learn more about innovation tools and practices that you can apply in your ministry context.
- conduct multiple ministry experiments.
- clarify your values and mission based on community connection.

If selected, you will join a learning journey with 50 congregations from across the ELCA to:

- Learn how to innovate for the future.
- Train with world-renowned Innovation thought leaders.
- Receive personalized coaching for support and guidance.
- Attend semi-annual Learning events (most expenses covered).
- Network with other congregations doing similar innovation work.

Program Eligibility

All congregations are invited to apply! Any congregation applying must:

- Exemplify a willingness to experiment with new ministry ideas.
- Commit to shared learning with its congregational team over the next two years (2021-2023).
- Demonstrate an active curiosity about building new and stronger connections with people and groups in its local community.
- Be affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Learn more and apply at
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