



THRIVINGtogether

A Workshop Series for Pastors
and Congregational Leaders

Announcing the Spring 2023
Thriving Together Series:

The Church After the Pandemic

The Spring 2023 Thriving Together Series focuses on the church re-emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. This workshop series helps congregational teams of pastors and lay leaders to strengthen their ministry. The three-night workshop will help teams explore the implications of the pandemic on the 2023 congregation in the United States. The series will provide information on the changing priorities of Americans, the need to grieve all that we lost, and how to be a new church for a changed culture.

Workshop #1 • Thursday, May 4
7:30 - 9:00pm EDT on Zoom

What Is Essential? A Post Pandemic Reflection for Congregational Leaders

This workshop will host a revelatory session of essential questions congregational leaders must ask when discerning the future of their congregation, and the purpose of their ministry in relationship to the changing world.

Led by: **Rev. AW Shields**



After 13 years of developing interdisciplinary programming in both the Christian Church and the mental health field, Rev. AW Shields leaned

into her experience as a psychotherapist, chaplain, graduate adjunct faculty, and community organizer to found the Root Cause Collective, a collective of clergy, mental health and wellness professionals working to build therapeutic, trauma-informed community as a means of preventative health care in communities of the Black Diaspora.

Workshop #2 • Thursday, May 11
7:30 - 9:00pm EDT on Zoom

Renewing Congregational Energy by Grieving Pandemic Loss

Here we will look at the multiple losses and offer a path for grieving that can open people to a new and exciting congregational future.

Led by **Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley**



The Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley is retired from Christian Theological Seminary after teaching leadership in congregations for 15 years. Prior to his teaching

in the seminary he had pastored three congregations including 15 years at Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville TN. While there he was instrumental in founding Insight Counseling Center which serve persons in Middle Tennessee without regard for the ability to pay.

Workshop #3 • Thursday, May 18
7:30 - 9:00pm EDT on Zoom

Letting Go of the "Good Church" Myth

Habits of our congregational life together are born out of prior generations' best practices. What does it look like to consider all the assets of this church in this moment, and imagine their reallocation to new purpose for new life? The gospel of God's reign requires nothing less than our bravest effort, and the windy Holy Spirit is even now blowing Christ's church into new ways of life together.

Led by: **Rev. Dr. Katie Hays**



Rev. Dr. Katie Hays pastored traditional congregations for almost two decades before starting Galileo Church in 2013. Galileo gathers in a sheet-metal barn on the outskirts of Fort Worth, Texas, a fitting location for a church that exists to "seek and shelter spiritual refugees, especially LGBTQ+ humans and the people who love them."

The workshop series is open to congregational teams of 2-7, with at least one pastor on the team. Teams will register to attend all three nights.



Register early – space is limited
No registrations accepted
after Wednesday, May 3, 2023