

# Faithful Innovation Learning Communities

***Discover the unique story God wants to tell through your congregation.***



*Gain ideas, inspiration, and tools for ministry.*

*Enjoy the support of interactive workshops and ongoing coaching.*

*Pray, learn, and walk with other congregations in Foothills Presbytery.*

*Shift to asking God questions:*

*Where do you notice God at work?*

*How can we join in what God is already doing?*

## Congregational Commitment

- Identify Guiding Team of 4-7 members
- Attend three training gatherings (March 5, May 7, and a Saturday in October)
- Participate in monthly gatherings with a trained coach provided by the Presbytery
- There is no cost for your guiding team. We only ask that your congregation participate actively in the annual financial commitment to Foothills Presbytery.

In the Foundations section of our PCUSA *Book of Order* we profess:

*"The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission."*

Faithful Innovation Learning Communities (FILC) help congregations listen and vision new ways of sharing the good news. Through the process, congregation members and leaders will develop deeper connections with God, each other, and their neighbors. This happens through the introduction of spiritual practices of

***listening,***

***reflecting,***

***discerning,***

***and participating in small experiments.***

## Guiding Teams

Every congregation participating in FILC will identify a Guiding Team of 4-7 congregation members. The pastor(s) will also participate alongside the team. The team will attend three training days where they will engage in the spiritual practice of action reflection. Between training days, the team will meet monthly with a trained coach who will support and encourage the team in their work. The team is the conduit through which the congregation as a whole is invited to participate in FILC.

## Congregations

As Guiding Teams participate in the FILC process, they will invite the congregation to join in listening and participating in God's leading through reflection and small experiments. Congregations engaged in FILC will strengthen connections with one another, with God, and with their neighbors.

## Pastors

The primary role of the Pastor is that of shepherd. You are a member of the Guiding Team, not the leader. You, as Pastor, engage in the process alongside the Guiding Team. An added bonus is a monthly coaching session specifically designed for pastors.



## Training Dates

Guiding Team members and their pastors attend all three trainings

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Saturday in October 2022**

9:00 am -3:00 pm

*Date TBD during March training*

*Possible dates include Oct 8, 15, 22*

## FILC Training Team

Anthony Dawson, Mattoon

Hudson Neely, Tyger River

Susan Oldham, First Spartanburg

Pressley Cox, Foothills

Debbie Foster, Foothills

## Coaches

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