

Shaping the Future ***Small Learning Communities***

Want to look at the realities in your parish and community with some support and ways forward? Want to share deep learning and formation around ways to walk into healthier patterns in your parish? Want to explore ways in which you can grow in your faith community? Groups of 3-5 people from 3-4 parishes will join together in a year-long (meeting 6 times) intensive program to explore:

What is now? What are the realities shaping our congregational context? How can we face them with courage and faith? This phase will involve a survey, an exploration of the local demographics, budgets and buildings.

What could be? Using actual data, along with the experience of dedicated parishioners and conversations from people in other parishes, we will exercise our imaginations to see what God may be calling us to in our parishes and neighborhoods.

What's the plan? Using all of this information, each parish will shape a plan for moving forward, with the support and inspiration of their small learning community.

Who can participate?

Any parish, any size, with a committed team of 4-5 lay leaders, willing to attend the learning sessions, and do some work in between.

How much does it cost?

\$300 for the survey (scholarships available).

How often will we meet?

About six times over the course of the year.

Some dates will be made in arrangement with participants, but put these dates on your calendar: **April 4th** (first gathering of the small learning communities)

May 2nd and **September 26th** (Small Church Summit 4: Knowing your Why)

How can I sign up?

Contact Pam Mott **by March 20**, and plan on attending the first meeting **with your team on Saturday April 4**. (pmott@diocesewma.org)

ZOOM information Meeting

Wednesday March 11, 2020, 6:30- 7:30pm

Please indicate your interest by dropping an email to Pam Mott and we'll send a ZOOM link!