



## THE LiVE PROJECT: Course Catalog

### Year 1: 2021-2022 | A Cohort Experience

Bible Course (8 weeks-Fall)

Culture Course (8 weeks-Winter/Spring)

Community Course (4 half-day retreats; 2 Fall/2 Spring)

#### WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE LiVE PROJECT?

- Lay leaders passionate about courageously exploring their Christian faith.
- Lay leaders looking for additional conversation partners around our synod.
- Lay leaders working to imagine and implement innovative approaches within their congregation and personal faith life.
- Rostered leaders are welcome to accompany their lay leaders.

#### COURSE OFFERINGS

##### **Bible Course “Imagining Our Callings with God’s People” (8 weeks-Fall)**

Sept. 23-Nov. 18 (No class Oct. 21)

Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Learning Platform: zoom

##### **Culture Course “Interrogating Privilege” (8 weeks-Winter/Spring)**

Jan. 19-Mar. 10 (No class Feb. 16)

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm (During Lent, meet on Thursdays)

Learning Platform: zoom

##### **Community Course “Practicing Community” (4 half-day retreat experiences; 2 Fall/2 Spring)**

“Forming Community” Oct. 16

“Communal Spiritual Practices” Nov. 20

“Dinner Church” Feb. 12

“Becoming Public Companions” Mar. 26

#### TUITION

##### **Cost for year-long cohort experience (includes all course offerings):**

\$350 for individuals

\$1,000 for congregation teams (3+)

##### **Cost for ala carte (select individual course/event):**

\$150 per course (Bible/Culture/Community)

\$50 per community retreat experience

*Scholarships are available (for individuals/congregations)*

<b>FALL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS</b>
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**Bible Course:** “Hearing the Spirit with God’s People Past and Present”

In two 4-week sessions, we will explore together stories of people’s experience of God and through these stories enliven our imaginations about how God’s Spirit works through unlikely characters to bring about God’s good purpose for God’s people and the world.

Session A Old Testament: Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14

Session B New Testament: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Learning Platform: Zoom online

Course Facilitator: Dr. Judy Stack

Estimated weekly homework: 1-2 hours

**Community Course\*:** “Practicing Community” (2 half-day Fall retreat experiences)

These first two retreats are geared toward experiencing and understanding community formation as God’s people and in the Holy Spirit. From our common experiences of being in community, we want to explore with greater intentionality the dynamics of community formation. Through action-reflection models of learning, we will practice resilience, and hospitality as ways to embrace our unique differences and callings in God.

**Retreat Experience 1:** “Forming Community”

Sat. Oct. 16 (4-hour retreat experience) 9am-1pm

Location: Faith Lutheran, Bellingham

**Retreat Experience 2:** “Communal Spiritual Practices”

Sat. Nov. 20 (4-hour retreat experience) 9am-1pm

Location: TBD, Metro Seattle Area

Learning Platform: In-person

Course Facilitators: Cindy Shultz, Misi French, Rev. Dr. David Hahn

Pre-course reading/prep: 1-2 hours

\*We encourage you to attend all 4 half-day retreats (Fall 2021-Sp 2022); it is optional to register for each retreat separately. Expect the retreat experiences to be high participation, action-reflection models of learning. You will be given concrete ways to practice this back in your context and communities. Brief zoom check-in opportunities follow each retreat experience.

<b>WINTER/SPRING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS</b>
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**Culture Course:** “Interrogating Privilege in Church and Our Lives”

This 8-week course is designed specifically for lay leaders to open up transparent and honest conversation around the ways privilege shapes and impacts our lives and communities of faith. If you’ve read some anti-racist books, and are looking for next steps as an individual, family or congregation, this course offers additional ways to move forward.

Session A: Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 9

Session B: Feb. 23, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm (During Lent, meet on Thursdays)

Learning Platform: Zoom online

Course Facilitators: Rev. Priscilla Paris Austin, Rev. Dr. David Hahn

Estimated weekly homework: 1-2 hours

**Community Course:** “Fresh Expressions” (2 half-day retreat experiences)

These two community retreat experiences explore fresh ways to be church in our diverse world. From practitioners in our local synod context, we’ll imagine new forms of church including models like Dinner Church, as well as how we can move from charity models of relating to our community neighbors, toward accompaniment models, where we imagine our callings as becoming public companions.

**Retreat Experience 3:** “Dinner Church”

Sat. Feb. 12 (4-hour retreat experience)

Location: TBD

**Retreat Experience 4:** “Becoming Public Companions”

Sat. Mar 26 (4-hour retreat experience)

Location: TBD

Learning Platform: In-person

Course Facilitators: Rev. Erik Samuelson, Josh Smith (dinner church), Ryan Brown (Becoming Public Companions)

Pre-course reading/prep: 1-2 hours